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MOTO-KUN...
HE'D BEEN SO COOL, I THOUGHT I HAD FINALLY FOUND THE ONE.
DON'T BE SAD. YOU'LL FIND SOMEONE NEW IN NO TIME FLAT.
MOTO-KUN, WAIT...
WAIT!
Hey!
NO WAY!
ME! A GIRL WHO LIVES FOR LOVE...
I GOT DUMPED AGAIN!

IT'S OVER BETWEEN US. AND THIS TIME I MEAN IT.
SORRY, YURI.
SO I GO TO MEET HIM FOR OUR DATE AND...
THERE HE WAS: MY BOYFRIEND! HOLDING HANDS WITH SOME OTHER CHICK!
...WHAT?

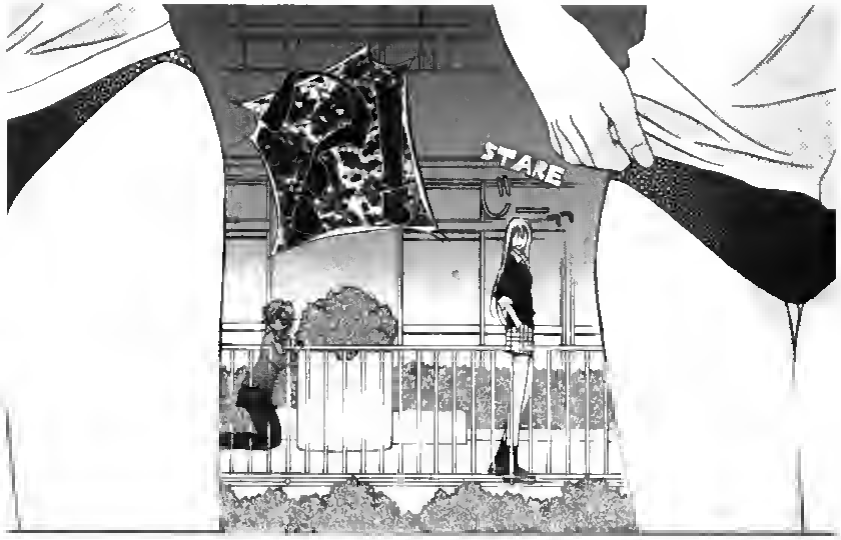
ISN'T SHE...?
...HMM.
BUT, HANG ON...
WAS THAT GIRL WATCHING ME?
I'd swear she just sneered.
...I LOVE YOU.

RATHER THAN LIVING FOR LOVE, I WANDER A MAZE, SEARCHING FOR IT AMID CONFUSION.
WHY ME ???
And we were so happy, too...
THAT MAKES THIRTEEN TIMES I'VE BEEN DUMPED AND TWELVE TIMES I'VE BEEN CHEATED ON BY ELEVEN DIFFERENT GUYS
...WHO HAS YET TO FIND THE MAN OF HER DREAMS.
AM I REALLY SO HORRIBLE...?
WOW!
SHE'S SO PRETTY...
HUH?

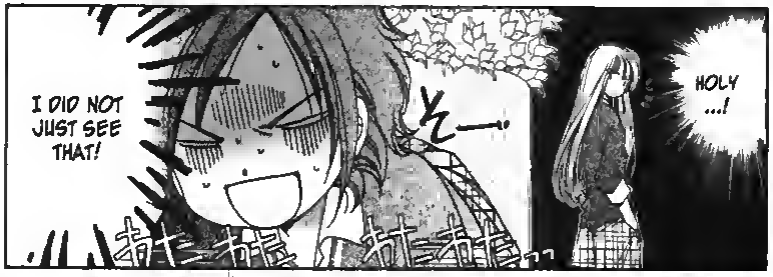
NO, NOT REALLY.
...BUT...
Rumors about Motoko Kagurazaka
Rumor ①
Rumor ②
Rumor ③
SHE'S GOTTA BE A VEGAN TO KEEP A FIGURE LIKE THAT
I BET SHE LOVES POETRY BY RILKE
I HEARD SHE LISTENS TO CLASSICAL MUSIC EXCLUSIVELY
SHE'S THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE OF ME IN EVERY WAY
SHE'S THE SMARTEST KID IN CLASS, DOMINATES EVERY SPORT, AND SHE'S CURVIER THAN MOST JAPANESE GIRLS.
KAGURAZAKA-SAN'S REALLY POPULAR, TOO. SHE'S BEEN FAMOUS FROM DAY ONE.
Beautiful

YEAH, I HAD A HUNCH.
I'VE LOVED YOU FOR A VERY LONG TIME.
BUT YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT, RIGHT?
THAT'S... MOTOKO KAGURAZAKA! SHE'S IN THE CLASS NEXT TO MINE.
OOPS... WHAT HAVE I STUMBLED INTO?
I WANTED TO TRY TO TALK TO HER, SO I FOLLOWED HER.
Kagurazaka-san! Wait...!

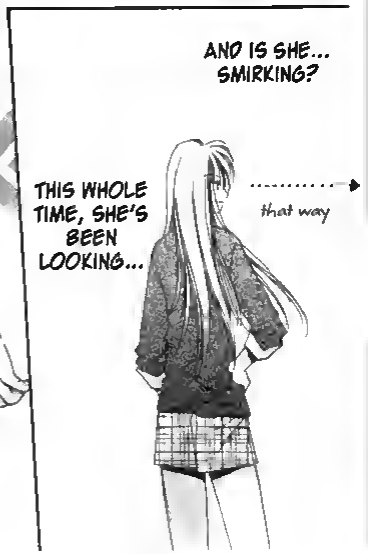
HAYASHIBARA-KUN'S THE SCHOOL'S MOST POPULAR SOPHOMORE, AND HE'S LAYING OUT HIS HEART TO HER!
DO YOU HAVE A BOY-FRIEND OR ANYTHING?



WITH A LOT OF THINGS IN THIS WORLD, IGNORANCE IS BLISS.



YOU ALWAYS LOOK COOLER THAN EVERYONE ELSE.
I REALLY LIKE THAT YOU KNOW IT, TOO...
PEOPLE ARE SCARED TO TALK TO HER BECAUSE SHE'S SO PERFECT.
SHE'S SO MYSTERIOUS!
SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE LISTENING TO A WORD HE'S SAYING.
OH.



I DON'T WANT TO TELL ANYONE I'VE BEEN DUMPED YET AGAIN.
O-OKAY...
MAKE YOUR MAN SPEND MORE MONEY ON YOUR LOOKING GOOD, YURI.
NO.
UH, NO THANKS, YURI
YOU ONLY HAVE THAT CHEAPO CRAP THAT BURNS MY EYES.
NOW I REALLY CAN'T TELL THEM!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
ESPECIALLY YOU, YURI WHAT IS THIS GUY? BOYFRIEND #11? I'D HOLD ON TO THIS ONE IF I WERE YOU.
NO DOUBT. THE PIGS!
You three use way too much makeup.
IF YOU DON'T KEEP WORKING THEM, BOYS START LOOKING ELSE-WHERE.
IT'S 'CUZ WE CARE, KIO.
THIS IS SO DEPRESSING...
...I DIDN'T LEARN ANYTHING MORE ABOUT KAGURAZAKA-SAN.
BUT I'M SURE THAT'S
I left my bag in class.
You guys go ahead.
IN THE END...
Ah ha ha ha ha ha ha!
Ick! Don't feel me up!
THANK YOU!
HUH...?
YOU'RE TOO NICE AND FORGIV-ING FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, YURI.
NOT THAT BEING NICE IS ALWAYS A BAD THING. IT'S WHY WE LIKE YOU.

.....
I always thought we'd make a cute couple
You know...
MOTOKO KAGURA-ZAKA?
IN CLASS 1-A?
YO! LIP-GLOSS!
HERE'S SOME CHILL
I have mas-cara too
UM, I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT KIND OF PERSON SHE IS.
hmm wrong shade
OH, ISN'T SHE ONLY HALF-JAPA-NESE?
NOT ME.
OKAY WHO YANKED MY MASCA-RA?!
WHAT ABOUT HER? HEY, SOMEBODY LEND ME SOME LIP GLOSS.

KAGURAZAKA-SAAAAN!
EARLIER TODAY ...
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE--?
Did you have to tie me up?
...YOU WERE SNIFFING AROUND AFTER ME, WEREN'T YOU?
K-KAGURAZAKA-SAN...
I HAD A--
N-NO. I WASN'T.
HOW DID SHE FIND OUT?
YOU GOT ME THERE...
Heh
YEAH.
HAYA-WHOEVER CONFESSING HIS UNDYING LOVE TO ME
YOU SAW IT.. DIDN'T YOU?
OKAY THEN...
YURI MUROI.
IF YOU WANT ME TO UNTIE YOU, THEN FIRST YOU HAVE TO ANSWER ALL MY QUESTIONS. UNDERSTAND...?

WHA--?!
...OF MIS-TAKE ...
... JUST THE SORT ...
LET ME GO!
...WHO-EVER YOU ARE.
WHY DID YOU TIE ME UP?
MUSIC ROOM
HEY!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
WHAT THE HECK?!

YOU CAN'T BE "PERFECT" WHEN YOU'RE NOT EVEN "NORMAL"!
KAGURAZAKA-SAN ISN'T A PERFECT ANGEL. SHE LIKES WRESTLING AND SPORTS CHANTS.
AND ICKY FISH SAUSAGE!
"I HEARD SHE LISTENS TO CLASSICAL MUSIC EXCLUSIVELY."
DEAR LORD, SOMEBODY SAVE ME!

I DEFINITELY DIDN'T SEE YOU STARING AT SOME GIRLS' BARE LEGS AND LICKING YOUR LIPS. DEFINITELY NOT!
NOTHING! NOT A THING!
WHAT ELSE DID YOU SEE THERE?! HUH?!
I'm sorry!
YEEEP!
I CAN'T UNSEE WHAT I ALREADY SAW!
KYA!
...WHAT'S THIS?
詩集
"I BET SHE LOVES POETRY BY RILKE."
I'M SORRY!
OH, CRAP! I SPILLED HER BAG AND JUNK...

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COME BACK HERE, YOU BASTARD!!!
BROODING ISN'T GOING TO FIX ANYTHING!
BUT...
The bounces-back-quickly type.
HE'S TALL!
OUTTA MY WAY!
HUH?
SORRY.
PARDON ME!
whoop
YOU WON'T GET AWAY, YABE!
ずぅ...ん
SUCKS TO BE ME
ずぅ...
IT REALLY, REALLY

AHHH...
... ALIVE.
よろ...
I MADE IT OUT...
BUT ...
THIS NEVER HAPPENED. IT'S A BAD DREAM. YOU FORGOT IT ALL, OKAY?
GOT IT?!
Y-YES, MA'AM.
Well?!
I wasn't going to tell anyone anyway
IT SUCKS TO BE ME.
BOYFRIENDS DUMP ME CRAZY CLASSMATES THREATEN ME
IF I SO MUCH AS HEAR ONE WORD ABOUT THIS, YOU'LL REGRET IT! I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU AND YOUR BOY TROUBLES, AND I'LL TELL THE WHOLE SCHOOL.

YOU OKAY?
Y-
YE--
--YEAH.

OW...!
I'M GONNA FALL--

...SHOULD NEVER HIT A WOMAN!
ACK --
UNGHH!
YOU...
YABE --!

DON'T THINK A SUDDEN U-TURN...
?!
LOOK OUT...!
CAN YOU HANG ON TO THIS FOR ME?
IS GONNA DITCH ME, YOU BAS-TARD!!
HUH?
DIE!

YOU DON'T MAKE TIME WITH MY GIRLFRIEND AND GET AWAY WITH IT!!
HE'S SOOOOO COOL!!
sigh
His sweater
UH-OH...
I'LL KILL YOU, YABE-!!
IT'S ...

LATER, DUDES!
WHO IS THIS GUY...?
C-COME BACK HERE, YOU PUNK!
WHO...?

AH HA HA HA HA!
BEFORE HIM WAS THE GAMBLING ADDICT, A.K.A. "PACHINKO PRO." HE REPLACED THE VIOLENT DRUGGIE. BEFORE HIM WAS THE--
I.E., I HAD TO SUM THEM UP IN ONE WORD: LOSERS.
YOU'VE GOT A PRETTY INTERESTING LIST OF SKEEVY EX-BOYFRIENDS.
YURI MUROI, 16, BORN MAY 13TH, BLOOD TYPE O.
MUSIC ROOM
Hey...!
I'VE KEPT MY END OF THE BARGAIN AND MY MOUTH SHUT!
I KNOW YOU HAVE.
THEN WHY ARE YOU STALKING ME?
POSSIBLY. BUT YOU DIDN'T KNOW THEM LIKE I DID. THEY'RE ALL NICE IN THEIR OWN WAY.
At the beginning, anyway.
WAITA-MINUTE. WHERE DID YOU GET ALL OF THAT INFO?
YOUR MOST ECENT BOYFRIEND, WHO DUMPED YOU THREE DAYS AGO, WAS A TOTAL DOG.

Peek
NOPE
NOPE
NOPE
HE'S YOUR DEFINITION OF COOL?
YOU THINK?
YEAH, A BLOND-HAIRED GUY WITH A GOATEE NAMED "VABE."
LOOKING FOR SOMEONE?
YEAH, I KNOW HIM. WITH ALL THOSE SILVER HOOPS IN HIS EARS, RIGHT?
YEAH! HE'S TOTALLY COOL!

BUT JUST LIKE ANYONE, ALL I WANT IS TO BE HAPPY...
...ONLY NOW, NOT LATER.
HUH?
...TAKAHIRO YABE.

Insur-ance ?
LET'S JUST SAY I WENT SHOPPING FOR SOME ADDED INSURANCE.
YEAH, I SUPPOSE IT IS FAST...
THERE ARE A LOT OF UGLY GIRLS OUT THERE WHO CAN'T SCORE, TO SAVE THEIR LIVES...
...WHO AREN'T GOING TO APPRECI-ATE YOU SAMPLING, EVERY BOY IN CLASS.
AT LEAST YOU DON'T LET IT GET YOU DOWN YOU'VE BEEN SINGLE FOR THREE DAYS, AND YOU'VE ALREADY REBOUNDED TOWARD YABE.
Ha ha..
I GUESS I'M JUST HONEST WITH MYSELF ABOUT WHAT I WANT.
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT, THOUGH, THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE THINK IT'S WEIRD.

YURI...
...YEAH?
Why is he always getting chased?
WAIT ...!
YURI.
HEY!
Students aren't allowed to ride mopeds in school!
BE A PAL...
...AND HELP ME OUT... OKAY?
UM...
THANKS ...?
THAT GIRL TOTALLY CONFUSES ME.
AH-HA.
MICHEL KLEIN
YABE-SENPA--
YABE-SENPAI!
Yabe! Get back here!
TAKAHIRO YABE. HE'S IN 2-C.
BUT HE HARDLY EVER COMES TO CLASS, SO THE BEST PLACE TO FIND HIM IS OUT BY THE GATE.
YOU SHOULD KNOW, THOUGH, HE MAKES YOUR OTHER BOYFRIENDS LOOK LIKE CHAMPIONS. SO, BEST OF LUCK.

Konnichiwa! This is my 28th (yes, I started counting again) manga collection. Thank you very much for picking it up.

Well, I finally started it: *Gaccha Gacha*. The story is full of suspense and twists and turns, so I'm having a lot of fun drawing it. At first, I'd only intended to make it a one-volume book, but then I received a whole lot of encouraging fan letters and I decided to make it a little bit longer. Thank you!

Gaccha Gacha is being serialized in the *Melody* anthology. I have another title (Honey, please read it!) running in the *LaLa DX* anthology, too. That means I'm drawing two different comics at the same time, so my free time is pretty much, well, you know ..I want to keep going as long as I can manage it, though.

Though it's getting kinda frightening, wondering when my assistants are going to snap...

So, that's how it is! I patiently await your adoring fanmail.

"YOU SAID WE'D BE HAPPY TOGETHER."
I...
MESSED UP, AS USUAL.
CRAP.
WHY IS LIFE ALWAYS SO COMPLI-CATED?
THAT LITTLE RETARD ...
I CAN'T ABANDON HIM. HE NEEDS ME.
...IT'S OKAY. YOU'LL GET OUT OF DEBT FASTER IF WE BOTH HAVE JOBS.
I'M REALLY SORRY THAT YOU HAVE TO WORK BECAUSE OF ME.

"I'M REALLY SORRY. I'D BUY YOU DINNER, BUT IT'D BE WITH YOUR CASH."
"STUPID, STUPID, STUPID! IF I FLOAT YOU A LOAN, WILL YOU BUY A CLUE?"
"I CAN PAY FOR MY OWN DINNERS. WHAT YOU NEED TO DO IS TO CUT OUT THE PACHINKO AND BETTING YOUR MONEY AT THE TRACK."
YURI...
"YOU ALWAYS SAID WE'D LIVE TOGETHER ONE DAY."
HELP ME.
MY TENTH BOYFRIEND.
"SORRY, YURI. I KINDA OWE SOME MONEY AGAIN."
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S ALWAYS STUCK BY ME.
KAZU-KUN...?

BUT --?!
hey!
DON'T HURT HER, PLEASE!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
YO!
NOT IN THE FACE, DUDE!
BUT SHE HIT ME FIRST!
NOOO!
OW...
OH, I'M SORR--
SOMEBODY--
WHATEVER! JUST GRAB HER AND LET'S GO.
...HELP ME!

...BUT THAT CAN'T BE HELPED.
OKAY, WHAT KIND OF JOB DO YOU HAVE FOR ME THIS TIME?
DO YOU LIKE VIDEOS?
I WON'T BE ABLE TO GIVE YABE-SENPAI HIS SWEATER FOR A WHILE NOW...
YOU'RE LUCKY YOU'VE GOT SUCH A NICE GIRL, KAZUO.
YOU HAVE TO PROMISE ME YOU'LL QUIT GAMBLING.
THIS IS THE LAST TIME, YOU HEAR ME?
EVEN THOUGH WE HAD A MASSIVE FIGHT AND BROKE UP A LONG TIME AGO..
You've got pretty big knockers
NO, THIS TIME YOU'LL BE IN THE VIDEO.
WORKING AS A VIDEO STORE CLERK WON'T BE SO BAD.
PLUS, I'M EXCELLENT AT CUSTOMER SERVICE
YES, I LOVE VIDEOS!
OW OW OWWWWWW! ON SECOND THOUGHT, I HAVE CRAMPS! GOTTA GO!
NO WAY... PORN ?!?!
WHAAAAAA?!
Amateur teen fetish stuff?!
Mwah ah ha ha ha ha ha
NAB
DON'T WORRY. IT GETS EASIER EACH TIME.
Come along

WHO ...?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?
HEY!
HUH --?

Hurry! Before we miss it!
.....
I see it
LOOK THERE'S THE BUS.
OH.
EMI!

"NOT THAT BEING NICE IS ALWAYS A BAD THING. IT'S WHY WE LIKE YOU."
"YOU'RE TOO NICE AND FORGIVING FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, YURI."
I SAID, COME HERE!
PLEASE ..
PLEASE, DON'T.
"I'M SORRY, YURI."
NO.
MOVE IT, BITCH! TIME'S A-WASTIN'!

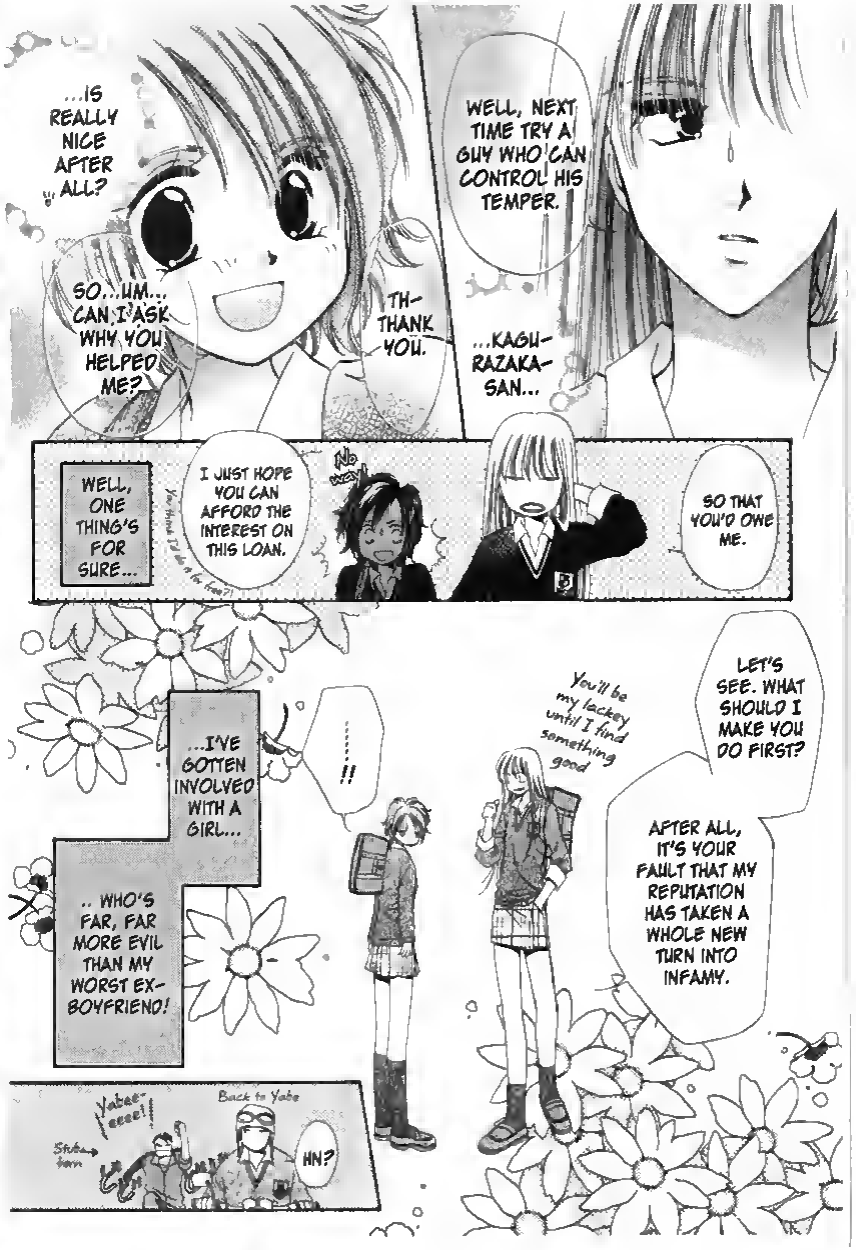
...AND BURY YOU BOTH!
This is beyond even excessive self-defense
Oh, my
H-h, help!
Ugh
Aah!
I HAVE NO IDEA WHY KAGURAZAKA-SAN CAME TO MY RESCUE...
...BEFORE YOU DO KILL THEM.
KAGU-RAZAKA-SAN! ENOUGH!
YOU'D BETTER STOP..
No way! Kagurazaka-san?
Who's that?

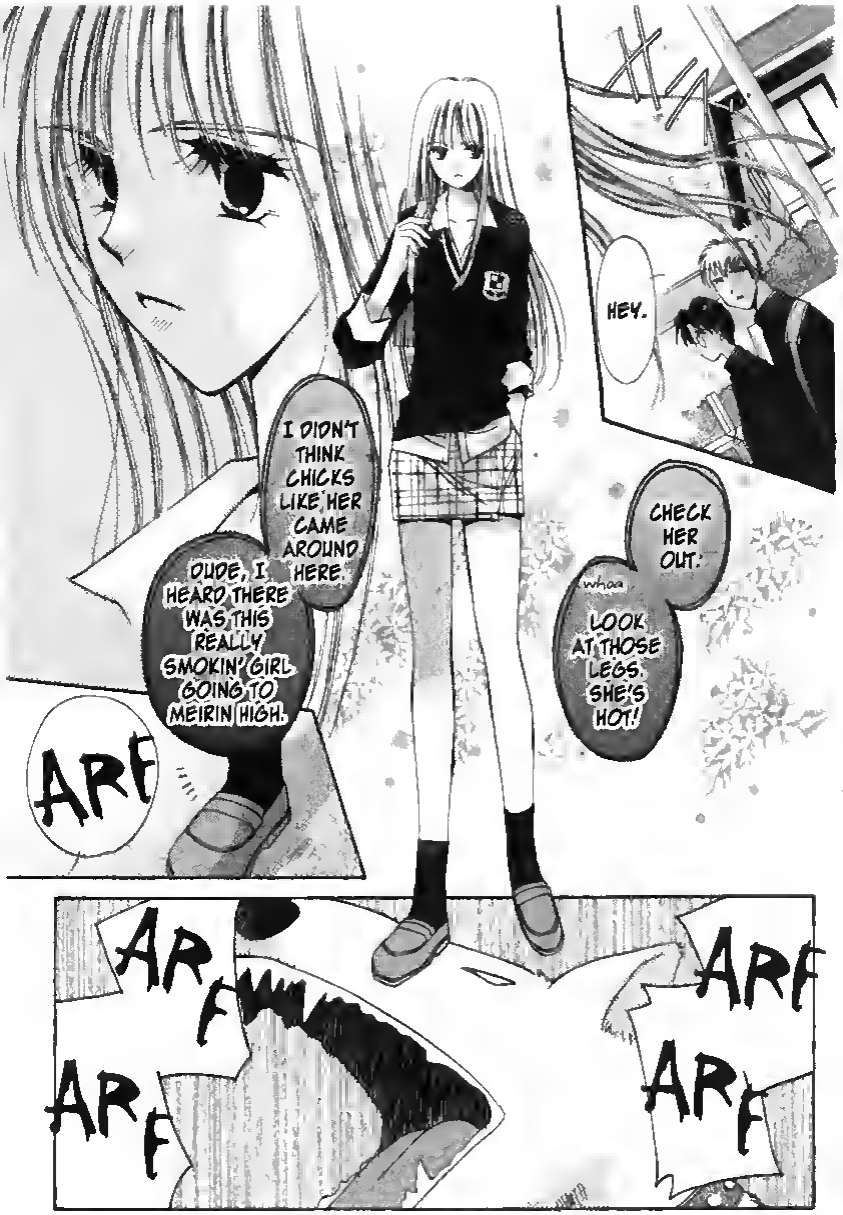
NEXT TIME YOU WANT TO BEAT UP ON THAT STUPID GIRL...
AGK
WHY...?
...COME AND SEE ME.
FIRST ...
THEN I CAN CLAIM SELF-DE-FENSE...
URK!

I KNOW I CAN DO IT.
I THINK, AT THAT MOMENT ...
I REALLY LOVED YOU, TOO.
GOOD LUCK.
I HOPE YOU FIND HAPPINESS.
IF I REMEMBER THAT, I CAN GET THROUGH THIS ROTTEN DAY AND ENJOY A MUCH BETTER TOMORROW.
...MORE THAN MY PHYSICAL WELL-BEING HAD BEEN RESCUED.
YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANNA SEE THE NURSE?
YOUR SKINNED KNEE LOOKS GRUESOME.
NO, I'M OKAY.
IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME A GUY HAS HIT ME.
COULD IT BE THAT...

...DID YOU EVER REALLY LOVE ME?
ALL THAT TIME TOGETHER ...
YES.
I'LL TRY TO HANG ON TO THE GOOD TIMES, THEN.
"YURI, LET'S LIVE TOGETHER SOMEDAY."
"REALLY? HOW SOON IS 'SOMEDAY'?"
"MY NEXT BIG WIN AT THE RACES, BABY."
GOOD-BYE.

Gatcha Gacha


...IS REALLY NICE AFTER ALL?
SO...UM... CAN I ASK WHY YOU HELPED ME?
TH-THANK YOU.
WELL, NEXT TIME TRY A GUY WHO CAN CONTROL HIS TEMPER.
...KAGU-RAZAKA-SAN...
WELL, ONE THING'S FOR SURE...
I JUST HOPE YOU CAN AFFORD THE INTEREST ON THIS LOAN.
You think I'd do a thing like that?
No way!
SO THAT YOU'D OWE ME.
...I'VE GOTTEN INVOLVED WITH A GIRL...
.. WHO'S FAR, FAR MORE EVIL THAN MY WORST EX-BOYFRIEND!
!!
You'll be my lackey until I find something good
LET'S SEE. WHAT SHOULD I MAKE YOU DO FIRST?
AFTER ALL, IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT MY REPUTATION HAS TAKEN A WHOLE NEW TURN INTO INFAMY.
Yabee eeee!!
Shuba bam
Back to Yabe
HN?


HEY.
CHECK HER OUT.
whoa
LOOK AT THOSE LEGS. SHE'S HOT!
I DIDN'T THINK CHICKS LIKE HER CAME AROUND HERE.
DUDE, I HEARD THERE WAS THIS REALLY SMOKIN' GIRL GOING TO MEIRIN HIGH.
ARF
ARF
ARF
ARF
ARF

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL TWIST IN MEIRIN HIGH IS ALSO...
Any dog doesn't shut his mouth, I'll shut it for him
...SUPPOSED TO BE A REAL SCRAPPER.
WHICH MEANS THAT GIRL HAS TO BE HER. THAT'S MOTOKO KAGURAZAKA!
She blames the owner, not the dog
KAGURA-ZAKA-SAN IS FAMOUS.
RUMOR HAS IT SHE COULD KILL A BEAR BARE-HANDED.
Bear killer...
No WAY!
IT WAS ONLY RECENTLY THAT IT WAS FOR MORE THAN HER SPECTACULAR BEAUTY.
WHAT?
YOU'LL DO ANYTHING I SAY?
BUT NOW ...
... NOW ...
I'M SO, SO SORRY. I REALLY AM!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU? QUIT CRYING, IT'S PATHETIC.

ARF
ARF
ARF
ARF
ARF
ARF
YIPE!!
GRRR
GRRR
GRRR
HEY, DID SHE ...?
OH, YEAH I REMEMBERED ANOTHER THING.

A SUPER NICE ONE, IN FACT.
YOU CAN'T HIDE IT.
NOT EVEN BY STARING AT GIRLS IN REALLY SHORT GYM SHORTS AND EATING FISH SAUSAGE WHILE LISTENING TO THE HANSHIN TIGERS FIGHT SONG AND READING ANTONIO INOKI'S WRESTLING POETRY!
WOULD YOU SHUT YOUR FAT MOUTH ALREADY?!
You wanna tell the whole world?!
Huh? She likes what?
I'M SORRY!
I JUST KNOW YOU ARE!
WHATEVER. I DON'T HIT GIRLS.
bop
HUH?

BUT... BUT...
"MOTOKO THE BEAR-KILLER!"
KAGURAZAKA-SAN, DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY'RE CALLING YOU NOW?
OH, PLEASE.
I'M TO BLAME. I'M THE ONE SHE HAD TO DEFEND...
I'M SORRY.
I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU, I PROMISE!
Look at it's Kagurazaka-san.
WHATEVER. HOW ABOUT YOU QUIT BLUBBERING FIRST?
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT AS BAD AS EVERYONE SAYS!
I KNOW YOU'RE REALLY... ...A GOOD PERSON DEEP DOWN INSIDE.

STOP RIGHT THERE!!
TAKAHIRO YABE!!
YOU CHEATING BASTARD!
ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ
DO YOU THINK YOU'RE FUNNY?
YOU PIG!
THAT'S A "NO" THEN?
I'LL BREAK YOUR NOSE AND MAKE YOU DRINK YOUR OWN BLOOD!
IF I STOP, WILL YOU NOT HIT ME?
OF ALL THE GIRLS YOU COULD CHEAT ON ME WITH, WHY THAT UGLY PIG?!
Shut up!
YOU THINK JUST BECAUSE SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE SINGLE, IT MAKES HER FAIR GAME?!
AKI CAME ON TO ME. SHE NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT HAVING A BOYFRIEND.
HEY NOW ...
SO, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THIS IS ALL ABOUT YOU?
No wonder you're so pissed.
She's minor league, and I'm the majors!
JL ㄱㄱ

Sorry Kagurazaka-san, gotta go. I'll pay you back later.
WHATEVER.
I promise I really really do!
BUT...
"SUPER NICE ONE," EH?
LOOKS LIKE HE'S GETTING ...
...CHASED BY SOME GIRL. GOD, AGAIN?
UH-UHM, KAGURAZAKA-SAN?
PLEASE FORGIVE ME. YOU KNOW I DIDN'T MEAN--
I KNEW SHE HAD A GOOD HEART.
HEY...
TAKAHIRO YABE!
HUH?

LOOK ME UP SOME-TIME!
Y'KNOW, YOU...
I REMEM-BER
YOU'RE THE GIRL FROM BEFORE.
WHO THE HELL IS SHE NOW?!
THANK YOU! I USED TO BE ON THE TRACK TEAM
...MOVE PRETTY FAST.
WHO

WHAT THE HELL DID YOU...?
HUH?
YABE-SENPAI!
WE MEET AGAIN!
MY NAME IS YURI MUROI. I'M IN 1-B.

I'VE...
...NEVER HAD A GUY STICK UP FOR ME LIKE THAT.
ANYONE WHO WOULD DO THAT CAN'T BE ALL BAD.
NO.
NOT AT ALL.
I'VE SEEN WAY WORSE THAN YOU.
Don't worry about it...
I THOUGHT IT WAS THE COOLEST THING ANY BOY COULD DO.
BE-SIDES...
YOU DID COME TO MY DEFENSE, DIDN'T YOU?
I APPRECIATE YOUR HANGING ON TO THIS.
I COULDN'T LET THEM HURT YOU.
IT WAS MY FAULT THEY CAUGHT UP WITH YOU.
YES!
THANKS, BY THE WAY, FOR SAVING ME FROM THOSE GUYS.
YOU KEEP RUNNING INTO ME AT THE WEIRDEST TIMES, THOUGH.
N-NO PROB-LEM.
OH, MY GOO...
IS HE HOT OR WHAT?
AREN'T YOU SCARED OF ME?
I PROBABLY LOOK PRETTY SKETCHY TO YOU.

Yuri Muroi

Yuri is a little bit different from the other heroines I've drawn. Y'see, there's this unwritten rule in shojo manga that goes "heroines are better off being innocent girls." I decided to be daring and ignore that, so I made Yuri an "impure" heroine. (Though now that I look at her, she doesn't seem all that impure, does she?)

At the same time, I was a little nervous about the whole thing. If Yuri wasn't the traditional heroine, what if nobody liked her? Fortunately, it looks like I have a lot of broad minded, mature readers, so Yuri turned out to be pretty popular. Thank goodness. I can rest easy.

I THINK I'VE FINALLY MET THE MAN OF MY DREAMS. NO FOOLING THIS TIME!
CUTE!!
There's the bell.
HEY, YURI?
I MEAN, EVER SINCE...
.. MY HEART'S BEEN GOING A HUNDRED MILES AN HOUR!
HE THINKS I'M CUTE.
...EVER SINCE HE...
huh?
YOU ASKED MOTO-KO?
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHO YOU WERE. I HAD TO ASK KAGURA-ZAKA-SAN.
HOW COME WE NEVER HOOKED UP BEFORE THIS?
Y-YES?
OH MY GOD! HE REMEMBERED MY NAME!!

...PRETTY EASY FOR A GUY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF, AREN'T YOU?
YOU'RE ...
...IT'S KINDA CUTE.
ACTUALLY ...
I'M NOT SAYING IT'S A BAD THING!
H-how did he know?
Do I look like that much of a loser?

SHE'S AT IT AGAIN TODAY: PEEPING AT THE SHORT SHORTS.
"THAT'S GOTTA BE TOUGH. HANG IN THERE."
W-WHAT D'YOU MEAN?
SHE'S A LECHEROUS OLD MAN TRAPPED IN THE BODY OF A BEAUTIFUL TEENAGE GIRL.
Time to go home.
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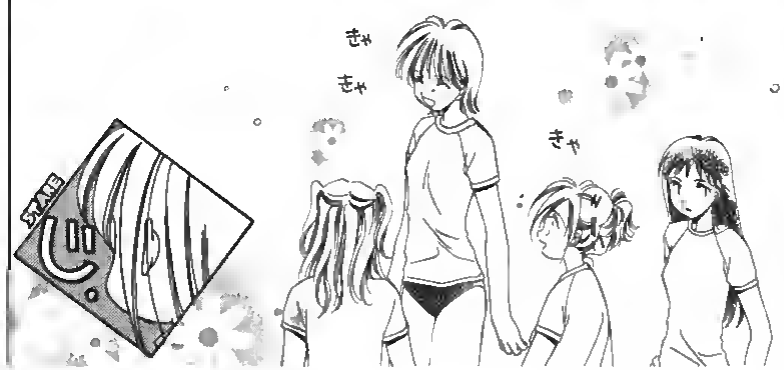
SICK IN THE HEAD.
SHE IS?
WHAT?
DON'T YOU KNOW?
SHE'S PRETTY SICK.

WHAT?
REAL-LY?
YOU TWO ARE FRIENDS?
UM.. YEAH.
.....
BUT HOW?
...I SEE.
DOES HE KNOW MOTO-KO?
THAT'S GOTTA BE TOUGH. HANG IN THERE.
WHAT'S HE MEAN BY THAT?!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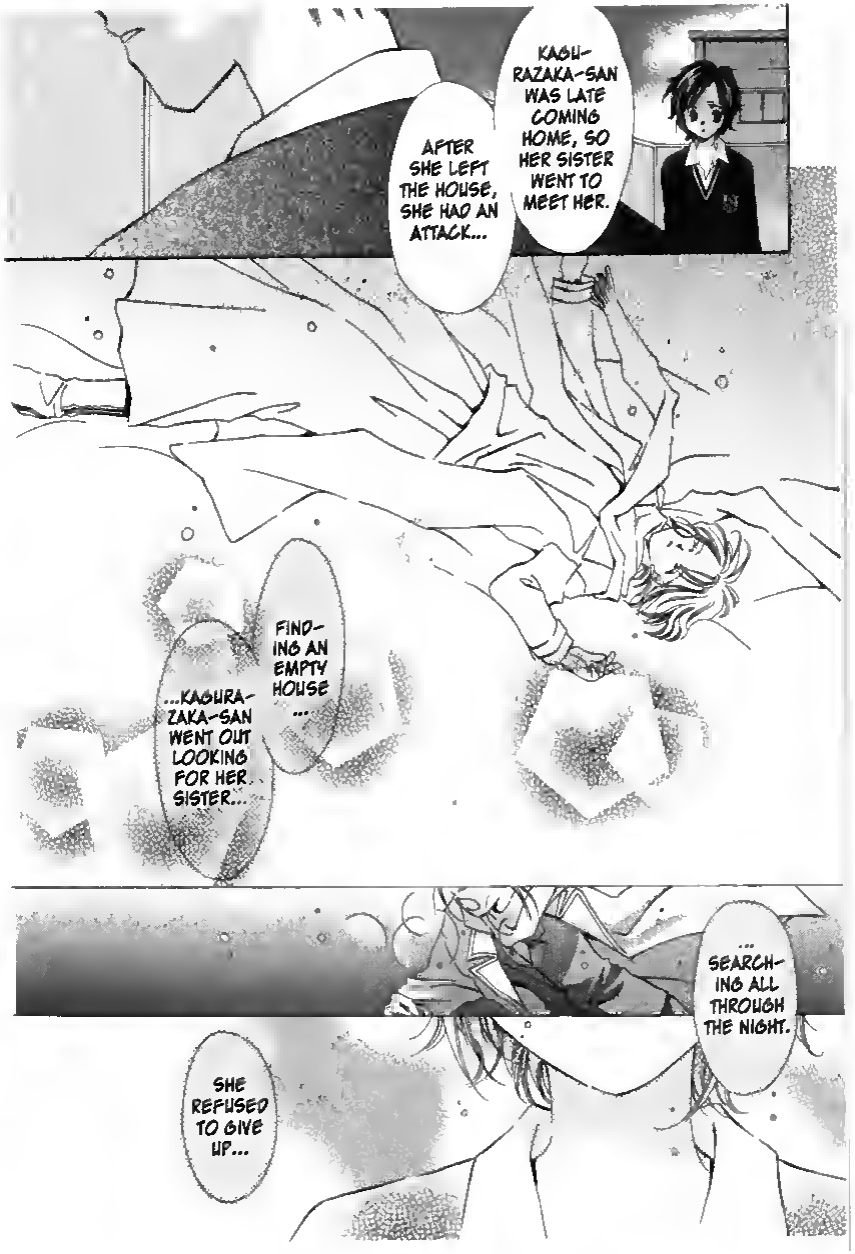
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF THOUGHTS SOMEONE LIKE HER WOULD WRITE IN A DIARY...?
Oops!
THAT WAS CARE-LESS OF HER.
FWAP
WOW. SHE REALLY IS MENTAL, ISN'T SHE...?
SHE IS A BIT OFF HER ROCKER.
YES.
KAGURA-ZAKA-SAN AND I WENT TO THE SAME JUNIOR HIGH.
OH, UM, I'M TOMOHARU SEKINE.
WHO?

...WHY DOES VABE-SENPAI KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT HER?
BUT WAIT A MIN-UTE ..
SURE, SHE'S GOT SOME... WELL, A FEW OOO HABITS.
BUT SHE'S NOT A BAD PERSON.
I don't think
HEY!
SHE LEFT HER DIARY BEHIND.
MONTHLY PRO WRESTLING
ANOTHER RASSLIN' MAG', TOO.
OH. I GET IT...

"I'M SORRY, BUT I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE. SOME NEWBIES IN MY CLUB WENT AND DID SOMETHING STUPID AND I HAVE TO FIX IT."
"NO! STAY HERE! YOU PROMISED YOU'D PLAY WITH ME ALL DAY, MOTOKO-CHAN!"
OF COURSE, THOSE THINGS HAVE A WAY OF TAKING OVER...
"I'LL COME BACK AS SOON AS I CAN."
...HER LITTLE SISTER REFUSED TO SHARE KAGURA-ZAKA-SAN WITH ANYONE.
"NO NO NO! YOU PROMISED! STAY!"
"KNOCK IT OFF!"
"I'M SORRY I DIDN'T MEAN IT. LET'S GO, SEKINE."
"YEAH. SHE HAS TO LEARN I'M NOT HER SLAVE."
"ARE YOU SURE?"
THAT WAS THE LAST TIME THEY'D EVER SEE EACH OTHER.

...IS KAGURAZAKA-SAN'S LITTLE SISTER. SHE DIED A YEAR AGO.
THE GIRL IN THAT PHOTO...
KAGURA-ZAKA-SAN COULDN'T HAVE BEEN A BETTER SIBLING. SHE CHERISHED AND TOOK CARE OF HER SISTER.
BUT, UNLIKE KAGURAZAKA-SAN, HER SISTER WAS TERRIBLY WEAK AND ALWAYS SICK. SHE WAS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL ALL THE TIME.
THEY WERE EX-TREMELY CLOSE.
THEY WERE FAMOUS BACK THEN, TOO. EVERYONE IN THE AREA KNEW OF THE BEAUTIFUL KAGURAZA-KA GIRLS.

"DON'T YOU KNOW? SHE'S PRETTY SICK."
SICK IN THE HEART, NOT THE HEAD.
I HAD NO IDEA.
Yours, Mura-san
Um so what class are you in?!
HURT BY THE DEATH OF HER SISTER...
...SHE MUST BE SO SAD.
Ha ha ha ha!
Hey!
IN SOME WAYS, I THINK SHE'S STILL SEARCHING FOR THAT LOST LITTLE GIRL...
THAT'S SO TRAGIC...


KAGU-RAZAKA-SAN WAS LATE COMING HOME, SO HER SISTER WENT TO MEET HER.
AFTER SHE LEFT THE HOUSE, SHE HAD AN ATTACK...
FIND-ING AN EMPTY HOUSE ...
...KAGURA-ZAKA-SAN WENT OUT LOOKING FOR HER SISTER...
... SEARCH-ING ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT.
SHE REFUSED TO GIVE UP...

SOME VAULT FOR SECRETS YOU MAKE, YOU KNOW THAT?
Oops!
I NEVER SAW THAT PICTURE OF YOUR POOR SISTER...
IT'S OKAY, I DON'T MIND. I'M NOT TRYING TO HIDE IT OR ANYTHING.
I-I'M SORRY.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO--
KANAKO.
WHAT WAS HER NAME?
UM...
...BREAK SO EASILY, DON'T THEY?
N-NO, DON'T BE LI--
GIRLS ...
YEAH, WELL, CORPSES AREN'T.
!
KA-NAKO-CHAN.
A pretty name for a pretty girl
SHE WAS VERY PRETTY.

THAT MEANS ...
...SHE'S NOT LEERING AT THOSE GIRLS...
...SHE'S ACTUALLY SEARCHING THE SHADOWS FOR HER LOST SIBLING.
I'M SORRY.
YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU LEAVE YOUR DIARY.
I ASSUME IT'S IMPORTANT.
I DIDN'T KNOW.
...DID YOU OPEN IT?
N-NO, OF COURSE NOT!

.....
HOW CAN I HELP HER?
NOT THAT I CARE OR ANYTHING, BUT SOMETHING GROSS IS DRIBBLING OUT OF YOUR NOSE.
I...
IF THERE'S EVER ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP YOU...
...I SWEAR I'LL DO IT!
ANYONE SEE THAT SLUT AROUND HERE?
SO MYSTERIOUS
WHERE'S YURI MUROI?
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IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH.
JUST THE SLIGHTEST PRESSURE, AND THEY CRACK.
"SO...UM... CAN I ASK WHY YOU HELPED ME?"
"SO THAT YOU'D OWE ME. I JUST HOPE YOU CAN AFFORD THE INTEREST."
"I DON'T HIT GIRLS."
I PROMISE!
KA--
KAGURA-ZAKA-SAN, I...I...
HUH? WHAT THE--! ARE YOU BAWLING AGAIN?

CAT-FIGHT IN 1-B!
THAT'S TOO COOL!
LET'S GO WATCH!
WHAT? WHAT'S HAPPENING?
OW!
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO STOLE MY MAN!
NOT TRUE! I DON'T STEAL!
"WHAT ARE YOU DOING?" ISN'T THAT MY LINE?
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU--?!

HMM?
WHO, ME?
HEY, DID YOU HEAR?
A SENIOR GIRL IS ABOUT TO BEAT UP A SOPHO-- MORE!
1-A
SWEET!
WHA--?
HEY...
UH-OH!
THAT'S THE GIRL WHO WAS CHASING YABE-SENPAI.

I HAVE A FEELING IT'S GONNA BE A SHORT RUN, ANYWAY.
ALL OF THIS DRAMA OVER A GUY I HAVEN'T EVEN GONE OUT WITH YET!
THAT YOU HANG OUT WITH THAT LESBO FREAK, KAGURA-ZAKA.
1-B
And some girl I never met!
KNOW WHAT ELSE I HEARD?
WHY DO I HAVE SUCH BAD LUCK WITH BOYS?
DO YOU GUYS CHECK OUT OTHER GIRLS' BUTTS TOGETHER?
THAT GIRL IS DEFECTIVE.

WORD IN THE HALLS IS YOU STARTED BOINKING TAKAHIRO OVER A MONTH AGO!
HOW? I JUST MET HIM!
WHA--?
DON'T LIE TO ME, SKANK!
I'M NOT LYING! I SWEAR!
EVERY-BODY KNOWS YOU DID IT!
WHAT? WHO KNOWS?!
IT'S A LIE!
SHUT UP!
This is terrible
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
OH, OH, DEAR...
M-MAYBE YABE-SENPAI WILL HELP...
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, LACKEY #1?
THE SHOW'S JUST STARTING. DON'T GO SHUTTING IT DOWN JUST YET.

"GIRLS BREAK SO EASILY, DON'T THEY? JUST THE SLIGHTEST PRESSURE..."
...BECAUSE SHE WASN'T THERE WHEN HER LITTLE SISTER DIED.
CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT THAT FEELS LIKE?!
"...AND THEY CRACK."
THAT'S ALSO WHY YOU WON'T HIT GIRLS.
IT'S ALL TO ATONE FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR LITTLE SISTER.
Huh? Little sister?
She died?
THAT'S THE REAL REASON YOU SAVED ME THAT DAY.
IT'S LIKE ONE BIG APOLOGY TO KANAKO-CHAN.

I BET YOU TWO GET IT ON--
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!
SO WHY DON'T YOU KEEP YOUR FAT MOUTH SHUT?!
Been through her share of tough situations
KAGURA-ZAKA-SAN ISN'T LIKE THAT AT ALL!
SHE JUST FEELS LIKE IT'S HER FAULT...
SHE...

I'M NOT GAY, I JUST LIKE CHECKING OUT HOT WOMEN. I APPRECIATE BEAUTY...IS THAT SO WRONG?
HOLD ON A SECOND ...?
YOU HAD YOUR LITTLE TOADY SEKINE FEED YURI SOME COCK AND BULL STORY, DIDN'T YOU?
WAIT ...!
WHAT ?!
FREEZE, MOTOKO!
THANKS TO YOU, I'M FREE TO STARE ALL I WANT NOW.
SEE YA.
WHAT? UM...
KAGURA-ZAKA-SAN?

YOU'VE CLEARED UP ALL THE MISCONCEP-TIONS ABOUT ME.
THANKS, YURI.
I KNEW YOU'D EVENTUALLY TELL. IT'S FINE. ALL THOSE KIDS THINKING I WAS GAY...
...MADE IT A LOT HARDER FOR ME TO GET MY JOLLIES.
WHAT ?
YOU'RE THAT "VAULT" FOR SECRETS, REMEMBER?
That? No, it's okay
BECAUSE THAT STUFF I SAID ABOUT KANAKO-CHAN WAS A TOTAL ACCI-DENT...
YOU MEAN THIS IS WHAT YOU WANTED ME TO DO?
I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU.
Count on me?

Gotcha Gacha
WATER BREAK.
...AND HALT!
YES?
PRESIDENT HIRAO!
AH-HA!
NO LOOK! IT'S KAGURA-ZAKA!
WHOA!
IT'S NOT THAT WHINER FUJI AGAIN, IS IT?
.. BUT THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH THE SCHEDULE FOR THE SCHOOL'S 30TH ANNI-VERSARY EVENT
MY APOLOGIES FOR INTER-RUPTING YOU DURING A SESSION..

SAY WHAT?!
YOU'VE NEVER EVEN HAD A LITTLE SISTER!
I MEAN, COME ON!
EH?
Kanako, 13
Motoko, 11

I told you she's sick in the head!
THAT EVIL WENCH!..!

...EH, BIG SIS?
LOOKS LIKE I'VE FOUND A REAL SUCKER THIS TIME...
heh heh heh

Gatcha Gacha
...I HEARD TAKAHIRO YABE'S BEEN SCAMMING ON HER.
What?
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH HER, THEN!
BESIDES ...
Now, if only she had bigger boobs, she'd be perfect.
Hey!
CHECK OUT THE GIRL WITH HER. SHE'S CUTE, TOO.
I DON'T CARE WHAT THE GOSSIP IS, SHE'S STILL A HOTTIE.
THEY'RE ALWAYS TOGETHER THESE DAYS.
YURI... MUROI?
WHAT WAS HER NAME AGAIN?
HER? MAN, FORGET IT. THAT GIRL'S TURNED EVERY KNOB IN THIS SCHOOL...AND I DON'T MEAN DOORS.

THAT DUDE'S A TOTAL WOMAN-HATER!
I HATE WISHY-WASHY GIRLS.
WE'RE SORRY!
BUT...
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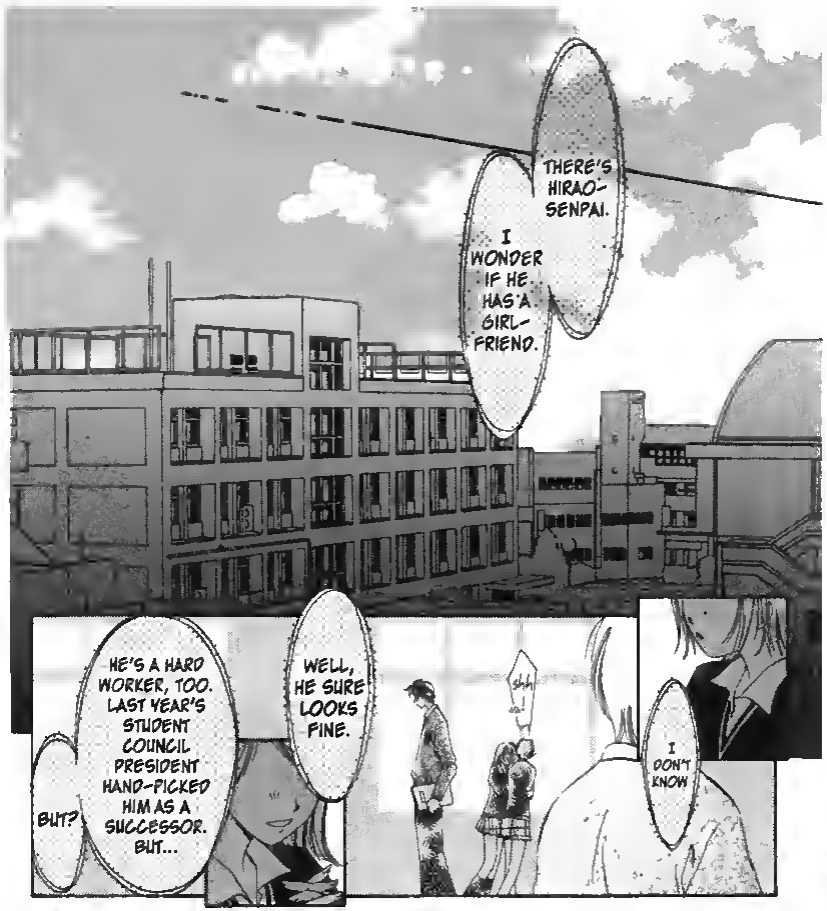
HUH?
He's smokin hot!
I-I don't know.
Are you going to talk to him?
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO ME, DON'T MUMBLE ABOUT IT BEHIND MY BACK, ALL RIGHT?
PRACTICE IT A COUPLE OF TIMES IN YOUR HEAD, AND THEN COME TELL ME.


THERE'S HIRAO-SENPAI.
I WONDER IF HE HAS A GIRL-FRIEND.
HE'S A HARD WORKER, TOO. LAST YEAR'S STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAND-PICKED HIM AS A SUCCESSOR. BUT...
BUT?
WELL, HE SURE LOOKS FINE.
shh!
I DON'T KNOW

Tachibana's Movie Recommendations

Boondock Saints (American/Canadian production)

A lot of people might get the wrong impression from the title, but it's not a heavy, serious movie at all. It's a movie that makes uncool things look really cool. I loved the Irish brothers!

—And Willem Dafoe was awesome.

HAND A COPY OF THE PROJECT OUTLINE IN TO OUR ADVISOR, WILL YOU?
STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM
WHAT DOES IT MATTER? ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL, RIGHT?
Says you!
IF I'M GOING TO BE MAD AT ANYONE, KAGURA-ZAKA-SAN'S THE MASTER-MIND.
THEN WE CAN WRITE UP THE INVI-TATIONS.
FUKUDA SHOULD HAVE THE LIST OF PROPOSED GUESTS, AND I HAVE THE ANNOUNCE-MENT TEMPLATE ON DISC.
Gotcha
THIS IS OUR BUSIEST SEMESTER EVER.
STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM
FIND SOME OTHER PLACE TO PRINT EVERYTHING, THOUGH. THE LAST ONE WE USED SCREWED UP AND DIDN'T FOLLOW THROUGH ON FIXING IT.
WELL, YURI. WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
ARE YOU STEPPING OUT ON YABE-SENPAI WITH MR. FOUR EYES?
DAMN.
NOT AGAIN.
I DID IT AGAIN.
waaah
Waaah! He's scary!
.....
...MUROI-SAN.
I'M REALLY, REALLY SORRY...
YOU KNOW WHAT SHE'S LIKE, AND WHAT SHE'D DO IF I RE-FUSED ...
I TOLD YOU, IT'S OKAY. I'M NOT MAD.
KAGU-RAZAKA-SAN! QUIT LAUGHING AND DO SOME-THING!
heh, heh, heh, heh
Um— it's okay
...SHE THREAT-ENED ME. I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE!
I-I WASN'T TRYING TO BE MEAN, FOOLING YOU LIKE THAT. BUT KAGU-RAZAKA-SAN...

KAKO-CHA--
I SAID DON'T CALL ME THAT!
A-ANYWAY... I DON'T CARE. JUST DON'T LET ME HEAR MY NAME COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTH AGAIN.
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN ?!
I BET YOU'RE THE TYPE WHO STAYS INSIDE DRAWING MANGA ALL DAY.
Love your style, babe
She doesn't mean it nicely.
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR BETRAYING ME!
WHAT'S HER DAM-AGE?
IT'S LIKE SHE'S STUCK ON REPEAT. SHUT UP ALREADY!

BUT THAT'S NEITHER HERE NO THERE...
...SINCE YOU'LL JUST BREAK UP IN A FEW MONTHS ANYWAY.
YOU ONLY STOLE THE GOOD-LOOKING ONES BEFORE.
I SEE, YOUR TASTE IN MEN HAS CHANGED.
I'M NOT FRIENDS WITH YOU ANYMORE, YOU GOT THAT?
I hate it when you do
DO ME A FAVOR? DON'T EVER SAY MY NAME AGAIN.
'SCUZE ME.
...I'M ASSOCIATED WITH A WHORE LIKE YOU!
...KAKO-CHAN?
I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO THINK...

GIRLS CAN BE FREAKIN' SCARY.
.....
SHE WAS THE ONE WHO GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH A SENIOR LAST WEEK OVER THAT JERK YABE.
DO YOU MEAN YURI MUROI?
HERE WE ARE, SPENDING ALL OUR TIME WORKING OUR BUTTS OFF HELPING RUN THE SCHOOL...
...WHILE THEY JUST LAZE AROUND DOING THEIR MAKE-UP, GOING TO PARTIES, AND GETTING INTO SPATS OVER BOYFRIENDS.
THAT ONE GIRL CLEARLY SKIPPED THE WHOLE MAKE-UP PART, THOUGH.
Let me know if anyone invites her to parties without telling me, k?
I MEAN, IT'S OBVIOUS SHE'D SLEEP AROUND ON YOU, SO IS HER BEING CUTE WORTH THE TROUBLE?
NOT FOR ME, MAN. CUTE'S TOO HIGH A PRICE.
WHETHER SHE'S SERIOUS OR FOOLING AROUND...
HM? WHAT WAS THAT?
...CAN YOU EVER REALLY KNOW?
Yabe!
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO BE SO LAZY?!

I GUESS ...
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LET HER GET AWAY WITH THAT CRAP, ARE YOU?
Her pretty skin proves she's a manga fiend
SHE'S A CREEPY LITTLE OWEEB, THAT'S FOR SURE.
IF YOU HAVE NOTHING NICE TO SAY TO MUROI-SAN, SAY NOTHING AT ALL.
BECAUSE SHE W-WASN'T REALLY WRONG.
IN JUNIOR HIGH, I DROPPED OUR FRIEND-SHIP...
...IN FAVOR OF LOVE.
DON'T THEY JUST DRIVE YOU CRAZY?

Motoko Kagurazaka

I didn't really have anyone in mind when I first created her...though some people here think (or wish) differently ^_^ A model for someone as evil as Motoko would have to be a real creep. (Hey, that's rude. quit it!)

I'm better at drawing cute girls, so at first Motoko gave me a lot of trouble. (Visually, anyway. I mean, she was meant to be a beauty. I was afraid she'd end up with a face like everyone else's, though.)

But now that I've gotten used to drawing her, crafting her evil expressions is a lot of fun. Her figure as a whole is still hard, though. She has no chest, so trying to make the rest of her balance out is tough for me. (Waah!)

Personality-wise, Motoko truly has a black heart, doesn't she? She says lots of rotten things and is violent to boot. Strangely, she's a real easy character for me to write. ^_^ (Why?!)

WHAT?!
DID YOU KNOW HE HAD THE TOP SCORE ON THE ENTRANCE EXAM FOR OUR CLASS?
EXCEPT WHEN IT COMES TO YABE, IT'S TRUE.
DIFFERENT DAY, SAME SONG.
YOU CAN DO ANY-THING! YOU JUST HAVE TO TRY!
EVERY-ONE THINKS THAT. IT'S BECAUSE I GAVE THAT SPEECH THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS.
Yabe skipped out
Is he really that smart?!
But
I THOUGHT YOU WERE TOP OF THE CLASS ...?

IF YOU'RE THAT SMART, WHY THROW YOUR LIFE AWAY LIKE HE DOES?
GUYS LIKE HIM, IF THEY EVER GOT SERIOUS...
...THEY'D TAKE OVER EVERY-THING, LEAVING US IN THE DUST.
I HAD TO WORK TO GET WHERE I AM...
...BUT FOR HIM, IT'S NATU-RAL.
THAT GUY DRIVES ME CRAZY.

IF YOU FAIL ANOTHER TEST...
...I'LL BE FORCED TO GET YOUR PARENTS INVOLVED.
Hey, let's not over-react!
Quit bleaching your hair! Shave that chin!
I'M GOING TO HAVE THAT SCOOTER IMPOUND-ED!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU SAID THAT.
What?
I'M JUST DUMB, THAT'S ALL.
I'M TRYING, SIR, I SWEAR.
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME, YABE?!
What's he looking at?

YEAH? WHAT?
I'M SURE IT'S NOTHING... BESIDES, KAGURAZAKA-SAN, THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU.
YIKES. SHE'S IN A REALLY BAD MOOD TODAY.
WHAT ABOUT THAT JERK?
gloomy
ONE THING ...
...THAT I REALLY WANT TO KNOW.
WHAT'S THE CONNECTION BETWEEN YABE-SENPAI AND KAGURA-ZAKA-SAN?
IT'S ABOUT YABE-SENPAI...
WELL? WHAT'S THIS ABOUT YABE?
Heh heh heh
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN ASK HER.
I CAN'T.
She'll trick me again.
She does learn!
...I'LL HAVE TO ASK YABE-SENPAI DIRECTLY.
I GUESS ...
N-NEVER MIND.
C'mon What?
EX-CUSE ME.

I CAN'T SHAKE THIS FEELING THAT SOME-ONE'S HURL-ING MENTAL DAGGERS AT MY BACK
Y'KNOW, LATELY...
I BELIEVE IT. YOU MAKE A LOT OF PEOPLE MAD, SO THERE ARE PLENTY OF GRUDGES AGAINST YOU.
MUSIC ROOM
YOU REALLY GET BY-- FOR SOME STRANGE REASON-- ON YOUR BEAUTY, AND YOUR CRAZY REPUTATION.
YEAH, BUT YOU IDIOTS ARE THE PROTOTYPES OF THE UGLY COWS AND GLOOMY DWEEBS WHO ENVY ME.
COME ON! WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES THAT HATE YOU!
NO! WE DIDN'T!
IT'S PROBABLY A COUPLE OF JEALOUS LOSERS LIKE YOU TWO!

OH, UM, I'M LOOKING FOR YABE-SENPAI.
SORRY... WHAT?
YEAH. WHAT HE SAID.
.....
HE PROBABLY USED THE CONFU-SION TO SLIP AWAY.
LAST I SAW, HE WAS GETTING CHASED BY BALDIE V.
HEY, WHERE'S YABE?
AH, RIGHT. YABE.
THE WAY HE'S SO UNRELIABLE ...!
...IT MUST BE TOUGH FOR YOU.
WELL, THEN ... Good-bye
Why is he always getting chased by someone?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I'M LOOKING FOR YABE-SENPAI.
HAVE YOU SEEN HIM ANYWHERE?
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Y--
YURI MUROI!
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I HAVEN'T EVEN TOLD HIM I LIKE HIM YET, BUT...
...I THINK I'M ACTUALLY IN LOVE WITH YABE-SENPAI.
THE FACTS OF LIFE ELUDE YOU, DON'T THEY?
HM?
A STUPID, INNOCENT GIRL LIKE YOU...
...WILL JUST GET USED UP AND THEN THROWN AWAY.

...HELL AM I SAYING?
UHMM... I MEAN, HE HARDLY EVER COMES TO SCHOOL, RIGHT? PLUS, HE FLIRTS WITH ANYTHING IN A SKIRT. YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT HE'S THINKING.
I JUST WONDERED HOW YOU HANDLED THAT, WHAT WITH BEING HIS GIRLFRIEND AND ALL.
No ulterior motives for this, nope, none at all.
SLOW DOWN! I'M NOT HIS GIRL-FRIEND.
...HMM?
OH...
WHAT THE...
DON'T TELL ME...
But I'm not sure he even notices me!
EH?
...SHE'S JUST ANOTHER GIRL WITH A BAD-BOY FIXATION!
WHAT? HOW COULD SHE NOT HAVE NOTICED?
HUH?!
HE SEEMS REALLY NICE TO ME. AND SWEET.
OH... SHE'S NOT?
SO, YOU UHM THINK YABE-SENPAI IS UNRELIABLE?

...BUT I CAN TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHEN SOMEONE IS BEING MEAN TO ME ON PURPOSE...
...AND WHEN THEY SAY SOMETHING STUPID BY ACCIDENT.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
"DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT."
I'M PRETTY THICK-SKINNED.
"I'M THICK-SKINNED."
YOU...
I WONDER...?

WAIT...
"HE'S SCARY!"
OH, CRAP.
"YOU HATE ME, DON'T YOU, HIRAO-KUN? I KNOW YOU DO."
HOW DO I FIX THIS?
SHE'LL CRY.
I KNOW I'M NOT VERY SMART...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I...
I DID IT AGAIN.

HEY, YURI!
WHAT WAS GETTING YOU AND THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT ALL INVOLVED WITH EACH OTHER?
THE STUDENT BODY PRESI-DENT?
I SAW YOU.
I DUNNO. HE SEEMED SMART.
DAM-MIT.
OH! THE GUY WITH GLAS-SES.
DIDN'T YOU SEE HIM RUN THE AS-SEMBLY THAT TIME?
Hm?
bap
YOU DIDN'T THINK HE WAS HAND-SOME?
I SUPPOSE.. BUT YABE-SENPAI IS MORE MY TYPE
HE'S PRETTY TALL, TOO.
YABE-SENPAI IS A LITTLE TALLER, I THINK.
HE'S SERIOUS AND RESPON-SIBLE.
YABE-SENPAI IS COMFORT-ABLE BEING HIM-SELF.
THAT'S NOT SALA-CIOUS
She's clueless
FORGET YABE... WHAT'D YOU THINK OF THE PREZ?
heh, heh,
THAT'S RIGHT! NOW I RE-MEMBER! HE WANTED TO KNOW WHY I LIKED YABE.
Is Yabe the center of the universe or some-thing?
YEAH.
SO.. NEXT CLASS?

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT.
WHY IS IT...
...THAT I CAN'T STOP FROM THINKING ABOUT THAT OTHER GIRL...
...EVERY TIME I LOOK AT THIS ONE?
NOW I GET IT.
HE'S THE ONE WHO WAS STARING, IT JUST WASN'T ...
...AT ME.
THIS...
...COULD BE A LOT OF FUN.
HEH HEH
Nothing Never mind!
Hm?

Yesterday we hid her desk. Today we erased her cell phone's address book
WHAT WE DID TO MUROI-SAN. DON'T YOU THINK IT WAS A BIT MUCH?
SURE WHAT'S OKAY?
I REMEMBER IT'S BECAUSE SHE CHANGES BOYFRIENDS EVERY OTHER DAY.
SHE'S BEEN MESSING WITH ME FOR YEARS, SO IT'S PAYBACK TIME.
NOT REALLY, NO. SHE'S THICKER THAN A BRICK, SO WE HAVE TO OVERDO IT JUST SO SHE CATCHES ON.
THAT'S JUST A MASK SHE WEARS TO FOOL YOU!!
STILL, SHE SEEMS LIKE A NICE GIRL.
OKAY, OKAY. I BELIEVE YOU. THAT'S WHY YOU'VE HATED HER FOR SO LONG.
ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY?

WHAT?
CRAP. THERE'S THE WARNING BELL. I'VE GOTTA HURRY.
I USUALLY HAVE WORLD HISTORY NOW, BUT THE TEACHER'S OUT SICK, SO WE'RE WATCHING A VIDEO.
WOW.
LET ME GUESS. A CERTAIN BESPECTACLED FEMALE TOLD YOU THERE WAS A FILM.
THE OTHER GIRLS ARE REALLY OUT TO GET YOU, AREN'T THEY?
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ONE WEEK LATER...
"KAKO-CHAN!"
"IF I BOTHER NIM TOO MUCH, HE MIGHT HATE ME."
"B-BUT..."
"WE SHOULDN'T JUST GIVE UP WITHOUT DOING ANY-THING."
"LET'S GIVE IT A TRY, KAKO-CHAN. HE'S OUR FIRST CRUSH, RIGHT?"
THEN SHE CAME ALONG.
...A MERE SEVEN DAYS, AND SHE AND TADOKORO-KUN WERE DATING.
I'D THOUGHT NE WAS AN IMPOSSIBLE PRIZE, AND SHE GOT HIM JUST LIKE THAT.
THEY LASTED SIX MONTHS, AND THEN IT WAS OVER. THEY'D BROKEN UP JUST AS SUDDENLY AS THEY'D GOTTEN TOGETHER.
AFTER THAT, SHE HOPPED FROM BOYFRIEND TO NEW BOYFRIEND...
IT'S TIME SHE PAID.
HUH?

I'D MAKE A FOOL OF MY-SELF.
I'M CONTENT TO LOVE HIM FROM AFAR.
NO WAY! I-I COULDN'T DO THAT!
IM... IMPOS-SIBLE.
I FELT THE SAME WAY TWO YEARS AGO.
I THOUGHT MY CRUSH COULDN'T BE TOUCHED BY OTHER GIRLS.
BESIDES, HIRAO-SENPAI DOESN'T CARE ABOUT GIRLS.
...BUT IF YOU REALLY LIKE THIS GUY, WHY DON'T YOU ASK HIM OUT?
HOLDING A TORCH FOR A LONG TIME IS GOOD AND ALL...
Secret photos

YOU LOOK BEAUTIFUL WITHOUT HAVING TO DO ANYTHING.
I HAVE TO WORK TO LOOK NICE.
Hair naturally straight and silky, just wash and dry.
Skin pale and smooth without using any creams
Eyes doesn't need any mascara for thick, full lashes
Body tall and slim like a model
Note flat chested
Doesn't need to do anything at all!
Um, you might not remember, but you're a woman, too.
.....
YOU WOMEN REALLY GOT THE FUZZY END OF THE LOLLIPOP, HUH?
GET A MAN IN THE MIDDLE, AND FRIENDSHIPS BETWEEN GIRLS DISINTEGRATE OVERNIGHT, DON'T THEY?
!
"I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR BETRAYING ME!"
THAT GIRL WITH GLASSES

I WON'T REST UNTIL I'VE DESTROYED HER!!!
No need to yell!
...BUT NOW THAT LITTLE TRAMP IS GOING AFTER MY HIRAO-SENPAI!
NOT ONLY DID SHE STEAL MY FIRST CRUSH WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT...
filing her nails
Yuri's Secrets
Base powder and a touch of mascara
Takes one hour
Dieter
I'M NOT PRETTY LIKE YOU.
BUT.. WELL....
HOW LONG DOES DOING YOUR HAIR TAKE IN THE MORNING?
FUSSY? THIS IS RESTRAINED!
HUH?
YOU'RE FUSSING OVER YOUR LOOKS WAY TOO MUCH.
YOU KNOW...

IS IT TRUE YOU'LL GO OUT WITH ME?!
UM...
YOU SENT ME A LETTER.
UM...WHY EXACTLY?!
YOU, WITH ME.
AND, WHO WANTS TO GO OUT WITH WHO?
SUZUKI! I'M A JUNIOR.
WHO?

YURI MUROI IS IN HERE, RIGHT?
WHAT --?
WHAT WOULD YOU DO...
...IF YOU WERE IN HER PLACE?

IS IT TRUE YOU GO ALL THE WAY ON THE FIRST DATE?
YEEP!
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...UH-OH.
LEGGO! KAGURAZAKA-SAN, HOLD UP! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
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HAVE YOU SEEN YURI MURO!?
K-KAGU-RAZAKA-SAN! HELP ME!
Guys! You've been pranked!
KLINK
Do ME, BABY!
LOVE KISS ME! ME!
HANDLE THAT ZIT BRIGADE ON YOUR OWN, RETARD.
I'M NOT STICKING MY NECK OUT AGAIN UNTIL YOU STOP BEING A DOORMAT YOUR ENEMIES CAN WIPE THEIR FEET ON.
HELP YOUR-SELF.

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Dear Mr. Tomokazu Suzuki,
I like you.
Will you go out with me?
1-B Yuri Muro
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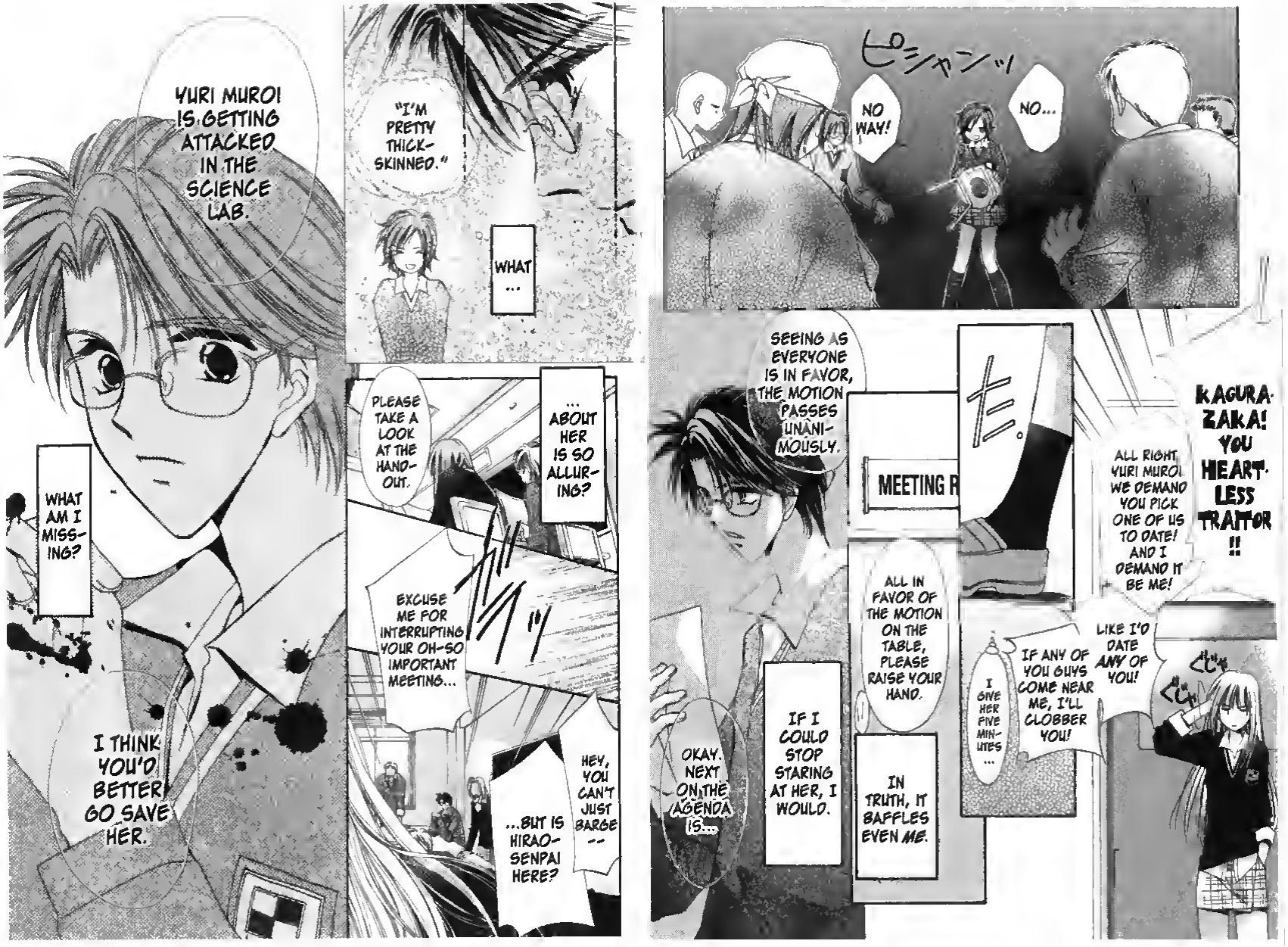
ALL RIGHT THEN...
HUH?!
W-WAIT ...!
MU-RO!
I'D LOVE TO BE YOUR MAN-MEAT!
ONE GUESS WILL DO.
BEING HANDWRITTEN MADE IT BELIEVABLE. IT'D BE AN OBVIOUS PRANK IF IT WAS TYPED OR SENT BY EMAIL.
NO WAY! THAT'S MY HAND-WRITING!
IT'S PERFECTLY FORGED. AND...AS FAR AS I KNOW...
WHO-EVER'S BEHIND THIS WROTE THIS HERSELF. THREE GUESSES WHO IT WAS.
...ONLY ONE PERSON IS CAPABLE OF IT.
We have similar hand-writing styles, so it's easy
It looks just like my writing
Thanks for doing my notes, Kako-chan. Wow!


YURI MUROI IS GETTING ATTACKED IN THE SCIENCE LAB.
WHAT AM I MISSING?
I THINK YOU'D BETTER GO SAVE HER.
"I'M PRETTY THICK-SKINNED."
WHAT...
PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THE HANDOUT.
...ABOUT HER IS SO ALLURING?
EXCUSE ME FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR OH-SO IMPORTANT MEETING...
...BUT IS HIRAO-SENPAI HERE?
HEY, YOU CAN'T JUST BARGE--
ピシャーン!
NO WAY!
NO...
SEEING AS EVERYONE IS IN FAVOR, THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
MEETING R
ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION ON THE TABLE, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.
IN TRUTH, IT BAFFLES EVEN ME.
IF I COULD STOP STARING AT HER, I WOULD.
OKAY. NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS...
I GIVE HER FIVE MINUTES...
IF ANY OF YOU GUYS COME NEAR ME, I'LL CLOBBER YOU!
ALL RIGHT, YURI MUROI WE DEMAND YOU PICK ONE OF US TO DATE! AND I DEMAND IT BE ME!
LIKE I'D DATE ANY OF YOU!
KAGURAZAKA! YOU HEARTLESS TRAITOR!!

DAM-MIT.
I HAD NO IDEA HOW TO TALK TO GIRLS.
GOOD-BYE.
HA HA HA HA.
NO, IT WAS NO BIG DEAL. I WAS KIDDING
I DIDN'T SAY ONE SINGLE WORD DURING MY FIRST DATE.
DON'T WORRY SO MUCH, TE-CHAN, OR YOU'LL GO PREMATURELY BALD.
I JUST...
...CAN'T GET HER OUT OF MY HEAD.
"YOU HATE ME DON'T YOU, HIRAO-KUN? I KNOW YOU DO."
YET ANOTHER VAPID, AIR-HEADED CONVER-SATION.
QUIT DENYIN' IT! YOU REALLY LIKE THIS CHICK, RIGHT?
I'LL LET YOU BREAK UP WITH ME.
STUPID, BUBBLE-BRAINED GIRL.
NO ONE NEEDS TO HEAR YOUR INSIPID PHONE CONVERSA-TIONS!
SHE'LL WHAT?

I HAVE MORE PRESSING MATTERS THAT REQUIRE MY ATTENTION. GOODBYE.
HIRAO-KUN!
I'LL BE BACK IN A MINUTE!
'Bam'?
PRESI-DENT?
SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE CRACKED. but gorgeous
B T A M
WAS SHE BEING SERIOUS?
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
THAT WAS THAT SOPHO-MORE FREAK! KAGURA-ZAKA, RIGHT?
WHAT IF IT'S JUST SOME BIG JOKE?
THE WHOLE SCHOOL MIGHT BE LAUGHING AT ME BY THIS TIME TOMORROW.
WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING?

Huh?
IT'S PRESIDENT HIRAO!
GRAP!
RUN!
I'VE NEVER...
MUROI --
SEN-PAI!
...FORGOTTEN YOU.

JUST LIKE THAT?
BUT FROM NOW ON, BURGERS ARE ON YOU. ALL RIGHT?
Ah ha ha ha ha
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
WAIT...
I'M ALREADY OVER IT.
I'M THICK-SKINNED.
I'VE...
...NEVER FORGOTTEN THAT.

...MR. FOUR EYES?
... YABE?

FIVE MINUTES LATER:
I-IT'S ALL M-M-MY F-FAULT.
I'LL NEVER NEVER NEVER BE MEAN TO YOU AGAIN.
I'M S-SORRY.
I...
I'M S-S-SORRY, Y-YURI-SAN.

ME, T--
YABE-SENPAI!!
YOU'RE MY EVERY-THING!
WAIT, I UNDER-STAND ...
I...
YOU'RE MY CHANCE TO GET IT RIGHT!
SHE WHAT?!
I KNEW YOU WOULD COME FOR ME, I KNEW IT!
I LOVED YOU THE MOMENT I LAID EYES ON YOU!
I LOVE YOU!
WHAT?

HEY, NO ONE SAW ME TOUCH NOBODY.
WHAT'S THIS, I HEAR ABOUT YOU PUTTING TWO GIRLS IN THE HOSPITAL? SOMETHING ABOUT STUFFING TEST-TUBES IN THEIR MOUTHS, THEN PUNCHING THEM IN THE FACE?
SHE WHAT?!
Shreds the inside of the mouth
ANYONE EVER TELL YOU YOU'RE INSANE?
GEEZ, LADY.
Oh,
YABE-SENPAI!
I WAS TUTORING THEM.
KAKO-CHAN? YOU MUST HATE ME WORSE NOW...
KAGU-RAZAKA-SAN! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU!
I HELPED THEM WITH THE SCIENTIFIC THEOREM "LAZY SLAGS + ZERO BRAINS = LOW-LIFE SCUM WHO HAVEN'T A RIGHT TO HATE ANY-ONE."
...BUT I UNDER-STAND HOW YOU FEEL.

WHAT THE HECK?!
WE BEG FOR MERCY...!
PLEASE ...
WH--
WHAT DO YOU CARE? WHERE'S HIRAO?
WHAT DID YOU DO TO THEM?!
YO, MOTOKO.
YEP! THAT'S IT
How odd...
It was nothing
Oh, the Student Body President?
I THINK SAVING ME TOOK A LOT OUT OF HIM. HE LOOKED A LITTLE SICK.
Umm thank you very much
I GUESS HE TOOK OFF.
THAT'S IT?

THE ONLY GIRL YABE-SENPAI COULD EVER BE SERIOUS ABOUT IS MOTOKO KAGURAZAKA.
DON'T TOUCH ME!!
YOU KNOW I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HANDLE... ...A GIRL AS SCREWED IN THE HEAD AS YOU.
DON'T YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU TO BITS?
WHAT?
Meanwhile...
PRESIDENT!
YEAH. THAT'S IT.
I WAS JUST... MOMENTARILY DISTRACTED.
HIRAO-KUN!
WHAT ABOUT OUR MEETING?

"HE'S OUR FIRST CRUSH, RIGHT?"
IT HURTS...
WHEN I LOVE SOMEBODY, I LOVE HIM WITH ALL MY HEART.
...IT HURTS REALLY BAD TO LOSE THAT PERSON.
"LET'S GIVE IT A TRY, KAKO-CHAN."
...THAT I BLEW IT WHEN I GAVE UP ON TADO-KORO-KUN.
I'LL ADMIT ...
"WE SHOULDN'T JUST GIVE UP WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING."
C'MON, MOTOKO. GIVE IT UP ALREADY.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
GO AWAY!
...NOW YOU AND I ARE JUST ALIKE!
BUT...
YOU WERE ALWAYS SO CHEERY AND OUTGOING. I DIDN'T THINK I COULD COMPETE WITH YOU.
HUH?
KAKO-CHAN ...

Gatcha Gacha
HYSTE
RICCL
AMOUR

I...
I COULDN'T SLEEP AT ALL.
...GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP AND FACE THE NEXT DAY SMILING, READY TO TACKLE THE WORLD.
IT DIDN'T MATTER HOW BIG THE PROBLEM WAS, I COULD ALWAYS ...
Good morning!
YURI! YOUR ALARM CLOCK'S DRIVING ME CRAZY!
SHUT YOUR ALARM OFF, NEE-CHAN!
THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED TO ME BEFORE.
OH, GOOD MORNING, YURI.

Tachibana's Movie Recommendations

Little Dancer (English production)

Watch it with the knowledge that they're trying to trick you. It'll be good for your soul.

...This is SO awkward.
MY MIND IS BLANK!
HEY.
KAGURAZAKA-SAN...
IT'S TRUE, THEN?
SHE TATTLED ON ME AND YABE.
THAT FOUR-EYED FRECKLE-FACE BLABBED, DIDN'T SHE?

MY LUCK HAS RUN OUT.
'MORNING.
THE GRIN YOU SEE IS A BIG LIE.
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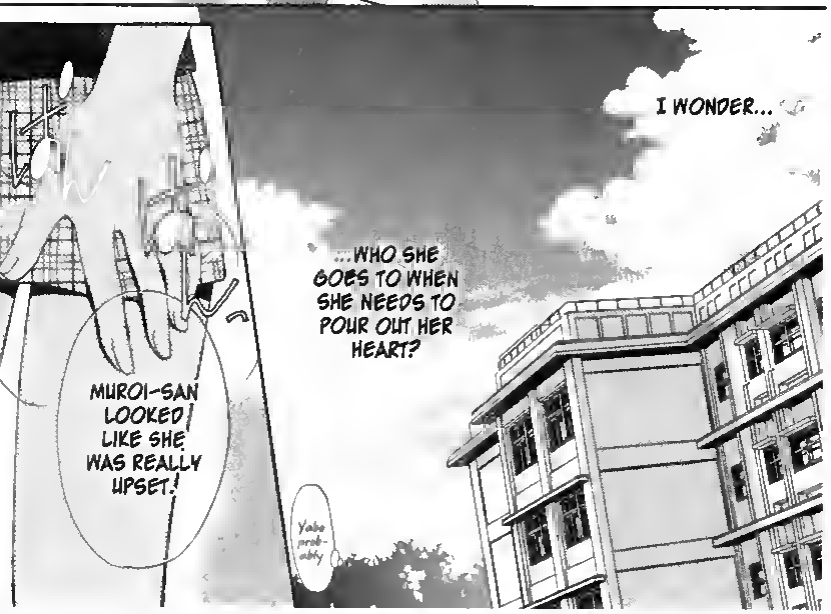
AFTER WHAT'S HAP-PENED...
...HOW CAN I FACE KAGURA-ZAKA-SAN?
UHH...
HI.
WHAT DO I SAY TO HER?

...IF I HAD TOLD YOU THAT I LIKED YABE, FOR REAL?
THAT...
HEY, YURI?
YEAH ?
You missed some over here
WHAT WOULD YOU DO...
...WAS THE ONE THING I FEARED THE MOST.
OH.

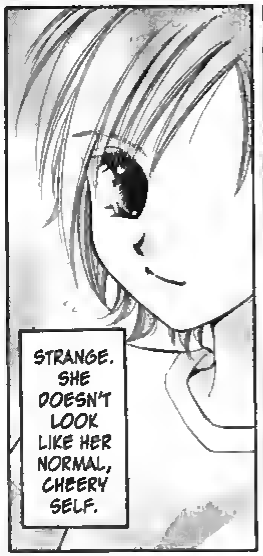
MAN, THAT YABE CAN'T TAKE A HINT.
I'VE TURNED HIM DOWN A MILLION TIMES, BUT HE WON'T STOP TRYING TO GET IN MY PANTS.
THAT'S ...
...JUST SWELL.
Best moves all day
SHE'S SO STUPID
!

SHE'S FAKING THAT LAUGH.
IT'S FORCED.


I WONDER...
...WHO SHE GOES TO WHEN SHE NEEDS TO POUR OUT HER HEART?
MUROI-SAN LOOKED LIKE SHE WAS REALLY UPSET!
Yabe probably

It wouldn't be something like DESIRE, or maybe LOVE?
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE THERE, SHE'S THE FIRST ONE I SEE.
Hirao-kun
NO! IT ISN'T!
That can't be it!

I CAN'T ESCAPE THAT GIRL!
WHY?!


STRANGE. SHE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HER NORMAL, CHEERY SELF.

staring again

LIKE THE WAY THEY CRY AT THE LEAST PROVOCATION
WOMEN ARE NOTHING BUT TROUBLE
STILL, JUST MAYBE ...
And scream and whine and get mad and hate you.
...SHE COULD BE DIFFERENT...?

Die, scumbag
WHATEVER. LIKE, I NEED A REASON TO TRASH ANNOYING PRICKS.
KAGURA-ZAKA-SAN! YOU'RE NO COMMON THUG!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST ADMIT IT?
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YOU WANT TO SEE, IF SHE'S, ALL FREAKY LIKE KANAKO-SAN.
YOU'RE TESTING HER.
praying
IF YOU DID, WHY WOULD YOU HAVE KICKED HER EX-BOYFRIEND'S BUTT LIKE THAT?
DIDN'T YOU WANT TO SAVE HER FROM HIM?
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YURI'S NINTH BOYFRIEND. THE VIOLENT JUNKIE.

THE POOR GIRL!
DAMMIT! I THINK I JAMMED MY WRIST!
MY MOVES HAVE GOTTEN RUSTY. I'M LUCKY I DIDN'T HURT MYSELF WORSE.
I'M GONNA HAVE TO GET BACK IN SHAPE.
HUH ?!
YOU HAVE TO CUT THAT OUT. I MEAN, SHE'S YOUR FRIEND.
YOU TOLD HER MORE WICKED LIES, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU DON'T MEAN THAT...?!
HELL NO! SHE'S LACKEY #2

Takahiro Yabe

On one hand, he's a smooth-talking, lazy punk who's good in a fight. On the other, he's always the sweetest gentleman when it comes to the ladies

Truth be told, with his big body, droopy eyes, and scraggly goatee, he's precisely my type of guy A thousand apologies since, for the first time, I have ignored the needs of all you young girls out there to draw what I personally think is the hottest type of fella

He really is useless as a human being, but he's so much fun to draw Trying to do teenage guys has always been a source of headaches for me (what a thing for a shojo manga artist to say!), but Yabe is different.

But if you should ever meet someone like him in real life, never date him. He'll just take advantage of you.

The ladies' man.

When I first came up with his name I suddenly remembered 99 no Yabecchi, and got a little worried that some people might think I was copying him or something

NO, IT'S OKAY!
THAT'S NOT NECESSARY.
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? I'LL WALK YOU HOME.
SO PUT THE REST IN MY CARRIER BAG.
SHOCK!
IT DOESN'T ALL FIT.
HUH ?!
IT'S OKAY... I'LL BE FINE.
HM? WHO?
BESIDES, IT'S GETTING DARK.
COME ON. CARRYING TOO MUCH IS WHAT CAUSED THIS MESS TO BEGIN WITH.
HE'S WAY TOO GOOD FOR THAT TRAMP.
I DOUBT IT. HIRAO-SENPAI WOULD NEVER DATE A GIRL LIKE HER
HA HA HA
DON'T YOU SEE?
.....
HER! BY THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT
THAT'S THAT SLUTTY SOPHOMORE, YURI MUROI. DON'T TELL ME SHE'S GOT HER CLAWS IN HIM NOW

TAKE MINE.
はあ。
I ALWAYS CARRY AN EXTRA.
OH.
THANK YOU, MR. FOUR EY--
I MEAN, MR STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT.
What Really Happened
EXCUSE ME. IF I BUY THIS, CAN I HAVE A PLASTIC BAG?
the biggest one
SIGH

I JUST LIVE AROUND THE CORNER. 'S COOL.
HUH?
NO, LET ME.
HEY ...!
LET'S GO.
WHOA! WHAT THE HECK?
YOU BETTER HOPE NO ONE SEES YOU WITH ME, OR YOU'LL BE SCANDAL-IZED! HA!
HOLD UP!
WOULD YOU STOP YELLING?
DID YOU HEAR ME?
EVEN I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M DOING THIS!
MR. PRESI-DENT ...?!
It wouldn't be some-thing like DESIRE, or maybe LOVE?
NO, IT'S NOT!
Not so fast!
YOU CERTAINLY BUY A LOT OF GROCERIES FOR SOME-ONE SO SMALL.
Ah ha ha ha ha.
NO, MY FAMILY IS ALL BOYS, AND THEY EAT A TON!

To my beloved Yuri,
Please, live your life for happiness.
From Mom
Mr Bunny
Ah ha ha ha!
I KNOW SHE'S MY MOM AND SHE'S ALL DEAD AND STUFF, BUT MY FIRST REACTION WAS, "HOW SAPPY CAN YOU GET?"
IT WAS WRITTEN IN THESE BIG, ROUND LETTERS.
YOU THINK?
snch
BUT I REALIZED THE MESSAGE WAS SIMPLE BECAUSE IT WAS TRUE.
I guess it's still sappy.
YOU SUDDENLY MAKE SENSE.
SO, THAT'S WHY YOU'RE LIKE THIS.
MOM NEVER LOST HER SMILE, NOT EVEN ON HER DEATHBED. SHE LIVED A FULL LIFE WITHOUT ANY REGRETS. I WANT TO DO THE SAME.

I HAVE TWIN LITTLE BROTHERS THEY'RE BOTH IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
WHICH SPORTS DO THEY PLAY?
SHE PROBABLY DOESN'T KNOW I PRACTICE KENDO, TOO.
LUNCH-ES ...?
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO MAKE THEM?
KENDO AND SOCCER. JUST MAKING THEIR LUNCHES CAN BE EX-HAUSTING.
THEY'RE TOTAL SPORTS FANATICS, SO THEY WORK UP A PRETTY LARGE APPETITE. IT'S KINDA GROSS.
OOPS!
BECAUSE OUR MOM DIED A WHILE AGO.
I'VE GOT TO FILL IN AS THE MOTHER FIGURE NOW.
THE ONLY THING OF HERS I REALLY HAVE IS A LETTER SHE WROTE BEFORE SHE DIED.
SHE WROTE ONE FOR EACH OF US.
SHE DIED SOON AFTER MY BROTHERS WERE BORN.
I HARDLY REMEMBER HER, SO I DON'T REALLY MISS HER.
I'M SORRY.
SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED...
No, it's okay.
DON'T APOLO-GIZE.

...WILL BE ENTERED IN THE TOWN'S WALKA-THON!
Ok!
THE LAST FIVE STAND-ING...
Partici-pants' average age is 59!
WHATEVER. WE'RE TOO OLD FOR THIS CRAP.
C'MON! MOVE THOSE LEGS!!
RUN, YOU LAZY BUMS! THIS ISN'T A CASUAL STROLL!
KUZU-YAMA'S OUT OF CONTROL.
HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED HE'S NICER TO THE BOYS?
Hm?
WHY? 'CUZ HE'S GAY?
A GUY LIKE HIM SHOULD BE MORE SENSITIVE.
HE CAN'T BE SERI-OUS.
Get a move on, slackers! Hup one, hup two!
WHO CARES? IT GOT EVERYONE RUNNING, DIDN'T IT?
WAS IT NECESSARY TO START A RUMOR THAT THE TEACHER'S GAY?
That's not something to joke about
KAGURA-ZAKA-SAN?
Dammit!
HOMO-YAMA!
Lighten those loafers s'more
.....
SADISTIC PERVERT!
TOO UGLY FOR DRAG!
WHO SAID THAT?! WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO SAY, LADIES?!

Take care! Good-bye!
WHEN I FIRST THOUGHT SHE WAS CUTE...
Thanks so much for your help!
IT'S HOW SHE ACHIEVES HER GENTLE STRENGTH...
IT'S HER CONNECTION WITH HER MOTHER.
THIS SUCKS
NO DOUBT
ENDUR-ANCE TESTS SLOW
ON YOUR MARKS!
GET SET!
But it's not lust or love or anything
...I FINAL-LY SEE THE FULL PACK-AGE.
...IT WAS IN SPITE OF MY BETTER JUDG-MENT. NOW...

HEY, WAIT! NO FAIR!
Kagurazaka-san!
HEY, YOU TWO! THIS IS A STANDARDIZED RACE. NO MAKING UP YOUR OWN RULES!
SKF
HMPH...
TAKA-HIRO!

KAGU-RAZAKA-SAN!
Y'KNOW, LIKE AMERICA NEEDED THE SOVIET UNION. COLD WAR TACTICS.
TO GET TOTAL COOPERA-TION...
...YOU HAVE TO GIVE THESE CHICKS A COMMON ENEMY.
BUT IT'S NOT ABOUT ME SUPPOSEDLY LIKING YABE AGAIN, IS IT?
OKAY.
I'M NOT GAY, YOU NASTY GIRLS!
FORGET IT. I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO ASK YOU.
YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO BEAT ME TO THE FINISH LINE!
HUH?
Urk!
UM, YEAH. IT IS.
OKAY, I'LL TELL YOU.
BUT FIRST ...

IT DOESN'T MEAN I'LL TRY ANYTHING, EITHER.
THAT'S RIGHT. I WON'T.
DAMN, YOU'RE REALLY OBNOXIOUS.
EVEN IF I SAY, YES, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE UP ON THE GUY, OR ANYTHING.
I HAVE TO KNOW!
I WANT TO HEAR IT FROM HIS LIPS.
...BUT I WANT TO TELL HIM HOW I FEEL SO AT LEAST HE'LL TURN ME DOWN TO MY FACE.
I KNOW HE'LL TURN ME DOWN FLAT...
...BECAUSE I HAVE TO KNOW HOW BADLY I'LL BE BETRAYING OUR FRIENDSHIP.
I NEED TO KNOW IF YOU AND YABE-SENPAI REALLY DO LOVE EACH OTHER...
I HAVE TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT KAGURAZAKA-SAN FEELS FOR YABE-SENPAI.
THAT WAY, "I DIDN'T KNOW" CAN'T BE AN EXCUSE.

FIRST PLACE...
MUROI!
DON'T MOVE ANOTHER MUSCLE, YOU PIG!
Different girl
CRAP! I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET MY GUARD DOWN!
I WON! NOW TELL ME!
OKAY, OKAY. CALM DOWN.
You're scaring me
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HURRY UP AND TELL ME ALREADY!

I NEED ALL THE FACTS BEFORE I GO AND DO SOMETHING THAT MIGHT HURT US BOTH.
BUT I KNOW...
...UNDERSTANDING THE EXTENT OF MY CRIME...
...WON'T MAKE IT ANY LESS NECESSARY.
FINALLY! THIRD PLACE, SUGIMOTO!
You girls are way too slow!
JUST GO FOR IT.
HUH?
REALLY?!
DECLARE YOUR LOVE.
I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT THAT RAT BASTARD.
THE JERK'S ALL YOURS, YURI.

JUST ONE KISS. ON HIS FOREHEAD.
HE WOULDN'T MIND, RIGHT?
YABE-SEN-PAI?
IT'S JUST THE WIND. IT KNOCKED SOME-THING OVER.
WHAT THE...
...HELL IS SHE DOING?
WHO'S THAT?!
MM.
IS SOME-BODY THERE?!

reach
I...I TOUCHED HIM!
SENPAI?
UM... SENPAI?
YABE-SEN-PAI?

I...
WELL...
UM...YABE-SENPAI? I HAVE, UH, SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU.
I'VE GOT TO TELL HIM!
S-SENPAI...? AREN'T YOU MOVING A LITTLE... FAST?
There's a proper order for this
WHAT...
...THE HECK?!
TAKE A GOOD LOOK...
YURI.

I WON'T LET HER!
Does she want to ruin her life?
O-OKAY. LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN.
YOU WOKE UP?
HEY.
ARE YOU GOING TO RAVISH ME NOW?
I...
I-I'M SO SORRY...?!

IF YOU ARE BAD...
I STILL LOVE HIM!
THE PAST... IS THE PAST.
...THEN WHY IS IT OKAY IF YOU DATE KAGURAZAKA-SAN AND NOT ME?
IS SHE...
...REALLY THE ONLY GIRL FOR YOU? OR IS IT SOME-THING ELSE?
OH... HI.
ARE THOSE TWO STILL GOING AT IT?
THAT'S KIND OF COMPLI-CATED...

I MUST HAVE DONE SOMETHING BAD TO DESERVE IT, HUH?
THAT...
...IS THE SCAR I GOT WHEN A GIRL STABBED ME A YEAR AGO

...LOVE, CAN IT?
THAT'S JUST SO...
...INCREDIBLY WRONG.
In so many ways...
CAN SHE REALLY LOVE THAT HOODLUM?
"HOW MUCH IS INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE WORTH TO YOU?"
"TODAY AFTER SCHOOL, YURI MUROI IS FINALLY GOING TO CONFESS HER FEELINGS TO YABE."
KAGURA-ZAKA-SAN! YOU REALLY SHOULD STOP MESSING AROUND WITH THEIR LIVES!
This way lies madness!
Hya ha ha ha ha
IT LOOKS LIKE THE FUN WILL NEVER END!
...ALREADY TOO LATE?
I COULDN'T RESIST I HAD TO PAY
BUT AM I...

WHAT?
HUH?
YOU KNOW HOW SHE'S LIKE A VICIOUS RAPTOR, RIGHT? WITH THOSE GLARING EYES?
LOVE FOR HER MEANS BARING HER TEETH AND LATCHING ON TO SOME POOR GUY'S THROAT LIKE A STARVED CARNIVORE.
...SIMPLY CAN'T BE...
BUT THAT...
A WICKED GUY LIKE ME DESERVES A WOMAN WHO'S JUST AS BAD.
LATER, KID.
But if you tell her that, she'll totally deny it and go ballistic.

Gatcha Gacha

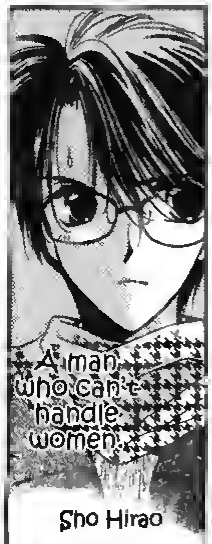
HYAA!
START OVER.
FUJITA-SENPAI IS RELENTLESS WHEN IT COMES TO PERFECTION.
IT DOESN'T MATTER TO HER THAT TOKURA-SENPAI'S BEEN SICK. IT'S HER FIRST TIME BACK TO PRACTICE IN WEEKS.
Somebody carry her. She's in my way.
PATHETIC.
YOU'RE GOING TO PRACTICE THE BASICS UNTIL YOU GET THEM RIGHT, TOKURA.
SHE WIGS ME OUT...
SHE CAN TAKE IT. SHE'S REALLY STRONG. LIKE, IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO THAT SOME PERV REACHED FOR HER BOOBS AND SHE PUT HIM IN THE HOSPITAL!
HUH? WHAT RUMOR?
NO WAY! IF THAT ONE'S TRUE, WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER RUMOR?

PLEASE DIRECT FAN LETTERS OF LOVE AND ADORATION FOR TACHIBANA-SENSEI TO:

Yutaka Tachibana
TokyoPop
5900 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 2000
Los Angeles, CA 90036
USA

I DO REQUESTS, TOO, IF ANYONE HAS ONE.
IT'S GOOD TO DRESS UP TO GO OUT AFTER SCHOOL.
THANKS, YURI!
YOU'RE WELCOME. I'M GLAD YOU LIKE IT.
YOU'RE ALL SUCH GIRLS!
And me!
YEAH, ME TOO, YURI!
FIX ME NEXT!
YOU LOOK MORE FEMININE ALREADY!
WE'LL MAKE IT LOOK LIKE STRAY WISPS.
We'll change your part there too
ちょい
Wow!
ちょ
YURI, YOU'RE A GENIUS!
MAYBE IF WE USE THIS HAIR EXTENSION, THOUGH.
RINGLETS? THAT'S A BIT MUCH...
Your hair's every too short
I WANT GORGEOUS RINGLETS!

SHE HAD THIS BOYFRIEND THAT SHE WAS TOTALLY GA-GA OVER, AND THEY SAY ONE NIGHT THEY HAD A FIGHT WHERE SHE STABBED HIM!
TOO MUCH CHATTERING, FIRST YEARS! TAKE TEN LAPS!
Crazy but still possible
That's crazy
Shut up!!
HEH HEH HEH.
OH MY GOD! THAT'S SO CUTE!
YEAH, IT TURNED OUT REALLY LOVELY, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF.



Sho Hirao

He's the only serious, responsible, normal human being in the whole bunch. At least, that's what you think when you first meet him. Scratch the surface and it turns out he has just as many issues as the rest of them. (This manga is held together by the quirks of messed-up characters and the good will of our wonderful readers.)

I don't know if it's because of his looks or what, but he is far and away the most popular character among our lady readers. Hmmm. I'd kinda figured this would happen, but I still can't really decide how I feel about it. Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying this is a bad thing. Bur still...

Secretly, I call him the Pathetic Prez. Let's all call him that.

(I don't mean to imply that I dislike all neat, smart-looking men. Bur just because I like Ed Harris and Sean Connery doesn't mean I like every distinguished bald man, either.)

Bur you do have to wonder if poor Hirao will ever find happiness...

I HAVE A HUNCH...
DESPITE THE REDUNDANCY OF THE TOPIC, NOTE THAT I STILL SHOW UP TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.
...YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT TAKAHIRO YABE, RIGHT?
What the hell?!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GET MY HANDS ON YOUR HAIR.
THAT WAVE LOOKS BEAUTIFUL ON YOU!
SO IS IT FAIR YOU RUIN MY HAIR AS WELL?
YEP! THANKS! I FEEL MUCH BETTER NOW.
IS THIS MONSTROSITY REALLY THE ONLY REASON YOU WANTED TO SEE ME?

THIS IS SO AWE-SOME!
WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO DO ALL THIS, YURI?
...HA HA HA. MY EIGHTH BOYFRIEND WAS A HAIR-DRESSER.
He showed me some basic tricks...
SHOULD WE HAVE EVEN BROUGHT IT UP...?
then he was seriously cheating on you?
If you were seriously dating
I-I'm sorry, Yuri
AT LEAST HE INVITED ME TO THE RECEPTION. THAT WAS NICE.
BUT THEN HE FELL IN LOVE WITH ONE OF HIS CUSTOMERS AND GOT MARRIED.
KASU-RAZAKA-SAN..
YOU WANTED TO SEE ME?
IF YOU COULD ONLY PICK UP A SKILL OR TWO FROM EVERY GUY!
WELL, AT LEAST FOR ONCE YOU WEREN'T DUMPED AND LEFT WITH NOTHING TO SHOW FOR IT.

"LOVE FOR HER MEANS BARING HER TEETH AND LATCHING ON TO SOME POOR GUY'S THROAT LIKE A STARVED CARNIVORE."
"YOU KNOW HOW SHE'S LIKE A VICIOUS RAPTOR, RIGHT??"
"IS SHE REALLY THE ONLY GIRL FOR YOU?"
... THAT JUST CAN'T BE RIGHT.
SENPAI, I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT'S LOVE.
"A WICKED GUY LIKES ME DESERVES A WOMAN WHO'S JUST AS BAD."
IF THAT'S ALL YOU THINK IT IS, THEN LET SOMEONE WHO'S UNWORTHY OF YOU IN AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT WAY PROVE YOU WRONG!
DID HE SHOW YOU HIS STAB WOUND?
THE GIRL WHO GAVE IT TO HIM ACTUALLY LOVED HIM A LOT.
WHAT?!
Go, Yuri!

Looks like I'm now the class hair-dresser!
BE-SIDES ...
KAGU-RAZAKA-SAN? HAS IT EVER FELT REAL TO YOU, THE WAY YABE-SENPAI LOVES YOU?
...BUT IT'S TEMPERED BY THE RELIEF I FEEL AT NOT LOSING KAGURAZAKA-SAN'S FRIENDSHIP.
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE AWFULLY CHEERFUL FOR SOMEONE WHO WAS JUST REJECTED BY YABE.
MAY-BE IT DID.
Aha ha ha ha!
REALLY? YOU THINK SO?
YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY? BEING DUMPED TOO MANY TIMES HASN'T BROKEN ANYTHING IN YOUR HEAD, HAS IT?
DON'T GET ME WRONG, I AM UPSET ABOUT YABE-SENPAI TURNING ME DOWN...
DIDN'T THINK SO.
NOPE.
I MEAN ...
THAT'S WHAT'S IM-POR-TANT.
All he does is pick fights with me.

THAT'S HIS MOPED.
MAH JONGG
Nan Nan Sou
Parties of 1 OK
Nan Nan Sou
I DON'T KNOW ANY SLEAZY HUSTLERS.
HOW YA DOIN'?
SORRY. YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG GIRL.
HEY, MASAMI! LONG TIME NO SEE!
Whoa!
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WHY DO YOU THINK HE ONLY DATES EVIL HAGS? HE'S TRYING TO RECAPTURE SOMETHING!
I MEAN, LOOK AT HIM.
THE REAL KICKER, FROM WHAT I COULD TELL--AND REALLY, I'VE SEEN IT ALL--IS THAT SHE'S THE WORST WOMAN TO HAVE EXISTED SINCE THE DAWN OF TIME.
SADDER STILL, I THINK DEEP DOWN, HE MIGHT STILL BE IN LOVE WITH HER.

NO. WAIT!
IF YOU'RE LUCKY!
AH HA HA HA HA
ARE YOU SAYING I WON'T GET OFF WITH JUST A KNIFE IN THE GUT THIS TIME?
I MEAN, ISN'T THAT WHY I DUMPED HIM IN THE FIRST PLACE? BECAUSE HE WAS WARPING MY WORLDVIEW TO MATCH HIS OWN?
A true ladykiller
I'D GOTTEN SO CONSUMED BY JEALOUSY, I NO LONGER KNEW WHO I WAS.
I DON'T EVER WANT TO BE SCREWED UP ENOUGH TO FIND STABBING FUNNY.
HOW HORRIBLE TO BE LAUGHING ABOUT THAT!
HOW... IS THAT ANYWAY? IS IT OKAY?
It's late but
WHEN DID YOU GET SO AWKWARD ABOUT THIS SUBJECT?
MAYBE YOU SHOULD TRY DATING A NORMAL GIRL FOR ONCE...
...TAKAHIRO.

HA! YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED MUCH AT ALL.
SAME TO YOU. STILL LIVING LIKE A DEGENERATE, I SEE.
ON A MOPED? NOT IN THIS LIFE-TIME, BUDDY!
I'VE GOT AN IDEA! HOW ABOUT I GIVE YOU A RIDE?
It's way too small!!
ARE YOU GONNA ABANDON YOUR BIKE?
NOT THAT I CARE BUT HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA FOLLOW ME?!
YOUR BAD HABITS ARE FINALLY CATCHING UP WITH YOU. AND THEY SAY ONLY THE GOOD DIE YOUNG!
You're so mean.
I CAN'T. ALL THE GIRLS I KNOW TURN INTO RAGING DEMONS AT THE SIGHT OF ME. THEY ALL COME AT ME WITH THEIR CLAWS EXTENDED AND TRY TO SCRATCH MY EYES OUT.
I'M SURE YOU HAVE SOME "FRIENDS" FOR TIMES LIKE THESE. TAKE ONE OF YOUR CHIPPIES OUT.
LET'S HAVE SOME FUN.
C'MON. I'VE GOT SOME MONEY BURNING A HOLE IN MY POCKET.
please? please? please?
I'm not even going to ask where you got that money

OWWW. THAT HURT.
DON'T GET ANY STUPID IDEAS.
Where!
I've been slapped, kicked, shoved down stairs
...OR HAS THIS SORT OF THING BEEN HAPPENING TO ME A LOT LATELY?
IS IT JUST ME...
STAY AWAY FROM HIRAO-SENPAI, OR ELSE! GOT IT?
...REALLY?
WHY GET A SOUL NOW?

I MANAGED TO STOP HER BEFORE SHE DUG THE HOLE TOO DEEP.
ACTUALLY, I ALMOST GOT ASKED OUT BY THIS ONE GIRL THE OTHER DAY. SHE WAS KINDA SQUARE.
HM?
SWEET, TOO. LATCHES ON TO PEOPLE LIKE A LITTLE PUPPY. IT'S FUNNY.
NO, SHE WAS A CUTIE.
... WHY?
WHY? WAS SHE UGLY? YOU'RE SO SHALLOW!

I GUESS NOT TAKING ADVANTAGE MEANS I'M GOING SOFT.
YEAN, YOU'RE NOT NORMALLY ONE TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT.
BUT SHE'S WAY TOO SOFT-HEARTED. IT'D BE TOO EASY TO ABUSE HER. ESPECIALLY FOR A BAD DUDE LIKE ME.
heh heh heh

YO, HIRAO! NICE GOING! SCORE, DUDE!
GEEZ, GET A ROOM, YOU TWO!
They didn't hurt you?
Is that all?
I GUESS SOMEBODY MUST'VE SEEN US.
Um Thank you.
OH, THAT!
IF I'D LISTENED TO YOU, HADN'T INSISTED ON CARRYING YOUR THINGS...
QUICK! BEFORE HE GETS AWAY!
もーーん
SENPAI, YOU SHOULD DENY IT, TOO.
SEN-PAI!
hahahahaha
N-NO!
THERE'S NOTHING TO SEE HERE! MOVE ALONG!
THE KENDO DOJO IS MUCH CLOSER.
YEEP!
NO, THAT'S OKAY. I'LL JUST GO TO THE NURSE.
Thank you for your help.
YOU'VE SKINNED YOUR KNEES.
PLEASE DENY IT!
I'VE GOT SOMETHING THAT'LL EASE THE STING COME ON
Why are you crying?
You?

...HOW DID HE AND I END UP CROSSING PATHS?
FIRST IT WAS YABE-SENPAI.
NOW IT'S HIRAO-SENPAI. BUT...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M SORRY.
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.
HUH?

BUT WITH AS SCREWED UP AS SHE IS, THAT POOR GUY BETTER WATCH OUT.
UHMM...
IF SHE WANTS THE DREAM HOME WITH A PICKET FENCE, SHE SHOULD CHOOSE THE PREZ.
I KNOW YABE'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR HER. GIVE ME SOME CREDIT.
KAGURAZAKA-SAN, WOULD YOU PLEASE BE SERIOUS FOR ONCE?! SHE'S YOUR FRIEND!
THE INTER-ESTING ONE.
YOU'RE A DEMON FROM HELL!!
OH, SHUT UP.

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
WH-WHAT?
MR. PREZ.
WOO HOO. NOT A BAD MOVE ...
BABES ARE OUT ALL THE TIME. THIS IS A LIMITED ENGAGE-MENT.
I SEE YOU'VE DROPPED BABE WATCHING FOR A DIFFERENT VOYEUR-ISM.
KAGU-RAZAKA-SAN...
THE BALL'S IN YURI'S COURT.
...WHICH BOY WOULD YOU CHOOSE FOR MUROI-SAN?
IF YOU HAD A CHOICE ...

YEAH...
THEN AGAIN, IT LOOKS LIKE HIRAO IS JUST AS SCREWED UP AS THE REST OF US.
IT WOULD. WOULDN'T IT?
YEAH, THAT WOULD BE STUPID.
OF COURSE, YOU COULD HAVE BEEN LESS INTENSE IN YOUR DENIAL.
Motoko
They're all idiots!
YOU'RE YURI MUROI?
WHEN LATER ASKED ABOUT THE REASON FOR CHICKENING OUT WITH YURI, THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT SAID, "I WASN'T READY YET."

DO YOU LIKE ME?
HIRAO-SENPAI?
HOPEFULLY OUR NAMES WON'T END UP ON ANY BATHROOM WALLS TOGETHER!
Did I say something I shouldn't have?
...PEOPLE ARE ALREADY GETTING THE WRONG IDEA.
I KNOW YOU HAVE AN IMAGE TO KEEP AS STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT, BUT IF YOU'RE ALWAYS SO NICE TO ME, WELL...
JUST KIDDING! THERE'S NO WAY YOU'D CRUSH ON A CRAZY CHICK LIKE ME
Ah ha ha ha
Huh?

I'M MASAMI FUJITA, ONE OF TAKAHIRO'S EX-GIRLFRIENDS.
IS SHE THE ONE?
"DID HE SHOW YOU HIS STAB WOUND?"

DO YOU REALLY THINK...
...YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE TAKAHIRO'S GIRL?
Tired
WELL, I JUST MIGHT HAVE TO PUT THAT LITTLE NOTION TO THE TEST.
WHAT?!

BE WARNED-- FOR THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES, ANYTHING GOES.
IS SHE THE STABBY EX-GIRLFRIEND?
COME WITH ME.
"THE GIRL WHO GAVE IT TO HIM ..."
"... ACTUALLY LOVED HIM A LOT... HE MIGHT STILL BE IN LOVE WITH HER."

USING THIS DOJO FOR A PERSONAL GRUDGE IS TOTALLY WRO--
I'LL TELL HER.
I'LL TELL YURI YOU'RE HARBORING, SHALL WE SAY, IMPURE FEELINGS FOR HER.
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
What the ?
HEY, THAT'S YURI MUROI AGAIN, RIGHT?
YOU AIN'T KIDDING. AND SHE GETS AROUND!
I THOUGHT FUJITA-SAN HAD COME HERE TO SEE ABOUT JOINING THE BOYS' PRACTICE ON SUNDAY?
THAT GIRL HAS MORE FIGHTS THAN BOYFRIENDS.
KAGURAZAKA-SAN! SHUT UP! SHE'S PISSED ENOUGH ALREADY!
I'll get stabbed!
YURI! TAKE THAT DOG-FACED GIRL AND SHOW HER WHO HER MASTER IS!
Har har har
IT'S PSYCHOLOGICAL. MUROI'S A NYMPHO!
YOU KNOW, I CAN HEAR YOU GUYS.
Muroi-san! Good luck!

I'LL ONLY ATTACK YOU IN RETALIATION, SO JUST THE SAME NUMBER OF TIMES YOU ATTACK ME.
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SCORE A POINT ON ME.
IF YOU SOMEHOW MANAGE TO SCORE AGAINST ME, I'LL ACCEPT YOU...
...AS A CANDIDATE FOR TAKAHIRO'S GIRLFRIEND.
CAN I ASK A FAVOR ...?
...IF YOU FAIL, FORGET YOU EVER KNEW HIM.
BUT...
Hey!
CUT IT OUT, YOU TWO! RIGHT NOW!
WHAAAA --?!
PLEASE, DON'T STAB ME!

READY ...
BEGIN!
FUJITA'S A TRAINED FIGHTER. IF IT LOOKS LIKE MUROI MIGHT GET HURT, I'M STEPPING IN!
THERE'S NO WAY THIS IS GOING TO BE A FAIR FIGHT.
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER. THERE'S NO WAY YURI'LL LOSE. NOT WITH HER HEART ON THE LINE.
HOW?! SHE'S FIGHTING A BLACK BELT!
SHE'LL BE FINE
And they aren't wearing any protective gear.
A BLACK BELT? WELL, GOOD FOR HER.

JUST CON-CENTRATE, GIRL.
CON-CEN-TRATE.
...THAT GIRL...?
I GUESS THAT'S KAGURAZAKA-SAN'S WAY OF CHEERING ME ON.
WHO IS THIS GIRL?
IT'S A FULL-ON FIGHT, RIGHT?
YES. IT IS.
HM...?
FUJITA... SENPAI?
THIS IS NO MERE SPARRING MATCH, IS IT?
ALL RIGHT ...
CON-CEN-TRATE.
CON-CEN-TRATE.

OWUFF!~
--HUH?!
WAIT...
PLEASE ...
STOP ...!
STOP !!!

WAH!
TEE-HEE.
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE --?!
YOU DID SAY "ANYTHING GOES," SENPAI.
DAM-MIT!

YOU THINK I STABBED TAKAHIRO?
WHAT?!
...A NEW RUMOR WAS BORN.
DANGERO
YOU DIDN'T?
UHH...
BECAUSE THAT GIRL KNOWS!
HUH ?!
THEN, DO YOU KNOW WHO SHE IS? I MUST KNOW WHO HOLDS YABE-SENPAI'S HEART.
SHE DIDN'T TELL YOU ...?
A girl he could love despite her sharp knife.
OF COURSE NOT! HE AND I SPLIT LONG BEFORE THAT HAPPENED.

I'D CALL THAT A POINT, WOULDN'T YOU? FIRST LAW OF FIGHTING...
"HE WHO USES THE INITIATIVE, WINS."
MY SEVENTH BOYFRIEND TAUGHT ME THAT.
THUS...
Boyfriend #7 used a baseball bat as a weapon
THAT KID'S LIKE A FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER OF EX-BOYFRIEND TALENTS.
But...
IF I HURT YOU, I'M SORRY. DIDN'T MEAN TO.

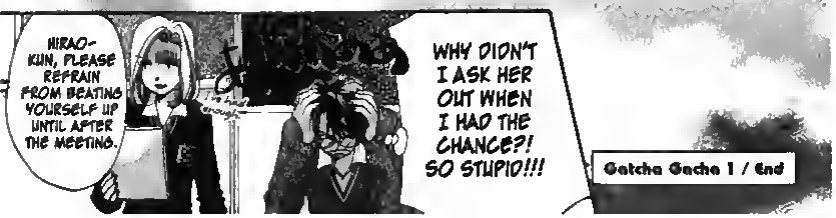
I STILL LIKE...
...THE OLD TAKAHIRO A LOT BETTER. HE WAS A COOL GUY.
CALL IF YOU SEE HIM.

DID I HEAR MY NAME?
WHAT? REALLY?!
DID YOU EVEN TELL HER HOW TAKAHIRO USED TO BE A NICE GUY BEFORE ALL THAT?
MOTOKO KABURAZAKA!
WHY ARE YOU WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM HER?
UMM, WHO WAS IT? TELL ME!
YOU KNOW?!
OH! YABE-SENPAI!
WELL, THIS IS AN INTERESTING MIX OF FACES.

AND WHATEVER HAPPENED BEFORE DOESN'T MATTER.
I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE UP ON YOU. I WON'T STOP UNTIL YOU'RE MINE.
YOU THINK YOU CAN HANDLE IT, BIG GUY?
I DON'T CARE IF YOUR OLD GIRLFRIENDS THINK YOU'RE UNCOOL!
TO ME, YABE-SENPAI, YOU'RE PERFECT.
THERE'S NO MEDICINE TO CURE FOOLS.

TIME TO GEAR UP FOR A LOVE WAR.

OKAY.


HIRAO-KUN, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM BEATING YOURSELF UP UNTIL AFTER THE MEETING.
WHY DIDN'T I ASK HER OUT WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE?! SO STUPID!!!

Gotcha Gacha 1 / End

I FEEL LIKE I JUST GOT TRASHED.
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
THIS IS STUPID. LET'S GO, YURI.
SURE. JUST LIKE ICE.
I'M STILL COOL.
HA HA...
I'M A WOMAN WHO LIVES FOR LOVE.
I LIKE YOU JUST THE WAY YOU ARE RIGHT NOW.
...SEN-PAI.

I'm the real lead character and ahem the story of my success as a seduce lots of beautiful women and eventually become the Don of all Japan.
I THOUGHT IT WAS AN ADULT DRAMA.
NO, WAIT. ISN'T IT A FIGHTING MANGA?
THIS STORY'S A ROMANTIC COMEDY, RIGHT?
UM, EXCUSE ME...?
I think that's what it is.
GUYS
ROMANTIC COMEDY. TRUST ME.
Eeek! It's back!
One at a time, starting on the right!
WHAT DO YOU THINK THE MANGA SHOULD BE?!
A WISE-ASS, EH?
ACTUALLY, HE'S THE MOST PITIABLE ONE.
THEN WHY ISN'T THERE A SINGLE SCENE OF COMEDIC ROMANCE IN THE ENTIRE FIRST VOLUME?!
SAMURAI MANGA.
ACTION HORROR!
A FASHION MANGA!
I'm the heroine!
Make lots of cute clothes for me!
I want to have some lovey-dovey conversations and sweet kissing scenes, dammit!
Good question.

P.S.
TACHIBANA TELLS IT LIKE IT IS

Blonde Tachibana (I lie... It's more brownish-- but I so want it to be blonde!!)
KONNICHIWA! I'M YUTAKA TACHIBANA. I CAN'T SEEM TO GET THIS STORYLINE AWAY FROM SCHOOL, SO I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DRAW ANYBODY IN STREET CLOTHES. IT'S DRIVING ME NUTS.
It is Really For various reasons
SO, FOR THAT REASON, THIS EDITION OF P.S. WILL FEATURE A GLIMPSE OF TACHIBANA (CUTE GIRL VERSION) IN EVERYDAY FASHION.
WITH A FACE LIKE THIS!
I don't even wanna look
Look Good on me
To be honest, nothing would

Gatcha Gacha

It's summer, and Yuri and Motoko have decided to go to the annual summer fireworks festival. Along the way, both Yabe and Hirao join them. Casual conversation ends up bringing up touchy subjects, Motoko's heritage, Yabe's past, Hirao's growing feelings for Yuri and how Hirao and Yabe first met (and what caused them to change so drastically from that time a year ago).

And just what mischief does Motoko have planned when she finds out Hirao has budding feelings for Yuri?

Though many questions are asked, the relationships between Yuri, Motoko, Yabe and Hirao only get more tangled in this second volume of *Gatcha Gacha*.

M-ME?
I'M FINE WITH IT AS IT IS.
HM?
Shut up! Yabe's idea is weirder than mine!
WHAT ABOUT YOU, HIRAO?
A guy who really likes romantic comedies!
W-WHAT? QUIT STARING AT ME!
This from the guy who came out the worst in the end...
Sempai.

So, paying respect to the Student Body President's request, on with the romantic comedy.

See y'all later!

P.S - Tachibana Tells It Like It Is / End

Gatcha Gacha Translation Notes

A bit of translation notes for page 18

2) The handwritten label on this MiniDisc reads. Omani Rokkou Oroshi

NOTE: "Rokkou Oroshi" is a fight song for the wildly popular Hanshin Tigers baseball team, and it has been recorded by several dozen different musicians. The "Omani" version is sung not only in Japanese, but also in English–and here ere the English lyrics:

Dashing swiftly through the wind
blowin' from Mt. Rokkou
Like the big sun soaring
in the clear blue sky
Mighty spirit of the youth
shows the victor's grace
The name that shines in glory
"Hanshin Tigers"
Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh! Hanshin Tigers
Hooray, Hurray, Hurrah, Hurrah

3) A package of Fish Sausages.

4) This magazine is titled: *Tokyo Sports*

The caption reads:

Special Report
Mariners lose horribly but Ichiro smacks base hit in top of...

NOTE: Baseball right fielder Ichiro Suzuki played for seven years with the Orix Blue Wave in Japan's Pacific Leagues before signing with the Seattle Mariners. Ichiro is the first Japanese-born everyday position player in the U.S. Major Leagues.

3) "I bet she loves poetry by Rilke."

NOTE: Rainer Maria Rilke is considered one of the greatest lyric poets Germany has ever seen. He lived at the turn of the 20th century and is famous for his poems that go into extremely detailed description of physical objects.

Gatcha Gacha Translation Notes

A bit of translation notes for page 18

Usually we do our best to work these kinds of notes directly into the manga pages by either retouching the Japanese text into English or by adding the notes directly onto the pages. However, with this particular page neither seemed like a good solution. So, we created this little appendix for you guys. Hope it helps out.

1) This is a book of poetry titled: *From the Demon of the Pro Wrestling Ring, Poetry by Antonio Inoki* (a variation on the translation is *From Pro Wrestling to Poetry, a Collection by Antonio Inoki*–if we had retouched out the Japanese, this is what I would have chosen.)

NOTE: Antonio Inoki is a famous pro wrestler in Japan, who already has at least one music CD on sale.

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